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CONSUMER PROTECTION

OMB Head At Helm Thwarts CFPB Autonomy, DC Circ. Told

The D.C. Circuit judges hearing the former acting Consumer Financial Protection Bureau director's case to regain her post indicated in court Thursday that they are still weighing whether the 2010 law that created the CFPB carves out an exception to the 1998 law governing federal appointments. [Read more »](#)

Mulvaney Quizzed By Senators On CFPB Leadership, Data

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau acting Director Mick Mulvaney told senators Thursday that if they don't like the job he is doing as the nation's top consumer financial watchdog, they must change the law to put him on more of a leash, as he fielded questions about the agency's rulemaking, enforcement activity, data collection and more. [Read more »](#)

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Trump Reconsidering TPP As NAFTA Talks Trudge On

A number of Republican senators revealed Thursday that President Donald Trump is considering rejoining the Trans-Pacific Partnership, the regional trade accord he abandoned soon after taking office before shifting his focus to reshaping the North American Free Trade Agreement. [Read more »](#)

Feds Look To Curb Trade Barriers For US Hardware Makers

The U.S. Department of Commerce is developing a plan to counteract trade barriers that "arbitrarily discriminate" against U.S. producers of information and communication technology hardware, according to a filing

U.S. Department of the Interior
U.S. Department of the Treasury
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. House of Representatives
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U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
U.S. Senate
U.S. Supreme Court
Wage and Hour Division
World Trade Organization

published in the Federal Register on Thursday.
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US-China Spat Could Imperil Trade Growth, WTO Boss Warns

The ever-escalating standoff between the U.S. and China may pose a significant threat to global trade at large if left unchecked, World Trade Organization Director-General Roberto Azevedo said Thursday, on the heels of a report that the rising tensions are already creating waves. [Read more »](#)

TAX

Future Tax Regulations No Longer Exempt From OMB Reviews

Proposed tax regulations will no longer be exempt from the review process most other federal regulations undergo, the Office of Management and Budget and the U.S. Department of the Treasury announced Thursday in a memorandum of agreement. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

Tax Court Unlikely To Be Swayed By 1st Circ. IRA Ruling

The U.S. Tax Court and the First Circuit recently reached opposite conclusions in two similar cases on the taxability of individual retirement account contributions, but the Tax Court may be hard-pressed to follow the appellate court's more taxpayer-friendly decision if it means weakening an important tool for the Internal Revenue Service to enforce tax laws. [Read more »](#)

IRS To Issue Tax Law Forms And Instructions By Summer

The Internal Revenue Service will publish new forms and instructions related to the recent tax overhaul legislation by this summer, the agency's top official told lawmakers on Thursday. [Read more »](#)

OMB May Review Pass-Through Provision, Treasury GC Says

The pass-through provision included in the recent federal tax overhaul legislation likely will be reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget, the U.S. Treasury Department general counsel told senators on Thursday. [Read more »](#)

NJ Assembly Passes Charitable Donation SALT Workaround

A bill in the New Jersey Legislature that would provide property tax credits to taxpayers making certain qualified charitable donations — an effort to counter a provision in the federal tax reform law that limits federal state and local tax deductions to \$10,000 — passed both houses Thursday, making its way to Gov. Phil Murphy. [Read more »](#)

IMMIGRATION

US Gov't Is Sued Over Citizenship Question On Census

The Trump administration is violating the U.S. Constitution and several federal laws by adding to the 2020 census a question about whether or not an individual is a U.S. citizen, according to a complaint filed in Maryland federal court on Thursday. [Read more »](#)

Migrant Caravan Requires More Border Agents, Congress Told

Law enforcement representatives urged Congress to increase resources for border enforcement at a House Oversight Committee hearing Thursday to deal with a caravan of Central American migrants trying to cross the southwest border without authorization. [Read more »](#)

Trump Admin. Can't Deny DOJ Grants To 'Sanctuary' Cities

A California federal judge granted a win to so-called sanctuary cities Wednesday by imposing a permanent, nationwide ban that

would prevent the Trump administration from placing certain immigration-related conditions on community policing grants administered by the U.S. Department of Justice. [Read more »](#)

Iowa Governor Signs Anti-Sanctuary City Law

Iowa Republican Gov. Kim Reynolds on Tuesday signed into law a bill that would penalize sanctuary cities by cutting off all of their state funding. [Read more »](#)

Married Couples Sue Gov't For Detaining Immigrant Spouses

A putative class of married couples has accused the government in Massachusetts federal court of unlawfully detaining and trying to deport immigrant spouses who are seeking permanent residency in the U.S. and are married to U.S. citizens. [Read more »](#)

NATIVE AMERICAN

Senate Panel OKs Indian Health Service, Contract Bills

The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs approved bills on Wednesday that would overhaul the embattled Indian Health Service and give Native American tribes more control over how they run federal programs under contracts with the federal government. [Read more »](#)

Task Force Makes 11 Drug-Related Arrests On Tribal Lands

The U.S. Department of the Interior on Wednesday announced 11 drug-possession arrests after a raid in New Mexico by a new joint task force that was launched as part of the federal government's steps to tackle the opioid crisis in Native American communities. [Read more »](#)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Feature

What's In Store For FCC Media Ownership Deregulation

Under Chairman Ajit Pai, the Federal Communications Commission has set an aggressive agenda of relaxing or wholly scrapping rules intended to limit the influence of nationwide broadcasters and to keep media consolidation at bay. [Read more »](#)

Wireless Industry Group Presses FCC On High-Band Auctions

The CTIA, an industry group representing wireless companies, is encouraging the Federal Communications Commission to quickly finalize plans for upcoming auctions in the 24 and 28 gigahertz bands and set dates for auctions in other high-frequency bands, in hopes of freeing as much spectrum as possible for the race to 5G. [Read more »](#)

FCC Commish Urges USDA Cooperation On Rural Broadband

The U.S. Department of Agriculture must coordinate with the Federal Communications Commission to ensure a newly created \$600 million pilot program for rural broadband deployment is administered effectively, FCC Commissioner Michael O'Rielly said Wednesday. [Read more »](#)

EXPERT ANALYSIS

Unraveling FDA's Recent Flurry Of Tobacco Activity

Last month, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued three advance notices of proposed rulemaking related to nicotine. However, tackling any of the issues raised would be a significant undertaking on its own, and some are skeptical that any of the proposals will move forward, says Jonathan Havens of Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr LLP. [Read more »](#)

What Cos. Need To Know About China's New Market Regulator

As part of a sweeping government restructuring plan announced last month, China is merging a range of government agencies into the new State Market Regulatory Administration. Multinational companies doing business in China must pay close attention to how functions within the newly consolidated agency will be organized, say attorneys with Ropes & Gray LLP. [Read more »](#)

Finance-Savvy Millennials Are Shifting Business Of Law

The impact of millennials has already been felt within the legal community by our eagerness to embrace new technologies. One way that we will have potentially even more impact lies in our willingness to embrace new ways of developing business and financing law, says Michael Perich of Burford Capital LLC. [Read more »](#)

LEGAL INDUSTRY

Firms Without Women Won't Get Our Business, GCs Say

If a law firm hasn't made gender diversity a priority in its teams handling corporate cases, it won't be competitive for company business, a panel of general counsel for major companies said at a conference on women in the courtroom in Chicago Thursday. [Read more »](#)

No-Poach Guidance Caught In-House Counsel Off Guard

Corporate legal departments were caught off guard by the U.S. Department of Justice's 2016 guidance signalling that the agency would criminally prosecute certain employment-related agreements between companies, and a panel of in-house leaders said Thursday they're waiting for further developments in the space. [Read more »](#)

Minority Lawyers Group Kicks Off Leadership Diversity Effort

The Minority Corporate Counsel Association has partnered with Microsoft Corp. to launch a new data-driven initiative designed to give law firms and legal departments a road map for how to cultivate a more diverse bench of leaders, the organization said in a statement Thursday. [Read more »](#)

Fenwick To Move NYC Office To Tech Hub Flatiron District

Fenwick & West LLP said Thursday it will more than double the footprint of its New York City office when it relocates to the technology-friendly Flatiron District, a move the firm said will benefit its tech and life sciences clients. [Read more »](#)

Law360's Weekly Verdict: Legal Lions & Lambs

Hogan Lovells LLP topped this week's legal lions list, guiding client Novartis on an \$8.7 billion deal to take over gene therapy company Avexis, while Kirkland & Ellis LLP ended up a legal lamb after a jury found its client Apple willfully infringed a network security patent, potentially putting the tech giant on the hook for more than \$1.5 billion in damages. [Read more »](#)

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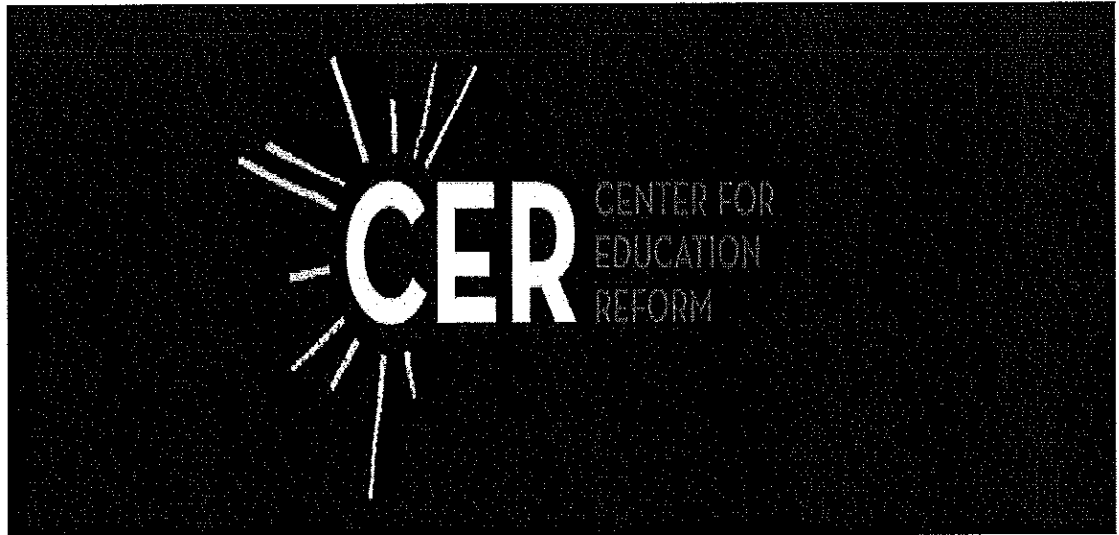
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PRIMARY DAY. It's a great reminder of what's at stake, and a time for all to exercise their right to vote, not to mention their responsibility to know what it is they are voting for. A little civics knowledge courtesy of the Bill of Rights foundation might help you or your class, now and in the future to understand what it is we can all achieve if we focus on the issues. Let's start (and end) with education, a core function of any Governor. Today Texas, Georgia and Arkansas will nominate candidates for Governor to elect in November. In all, 36 states and 3 territories will elect state execs this year. Get to know what you should be asking and thinking now. CER's handy-dandy voter's

guide Education 50 is chock full of information to guide you and will be an up-to-date analysis of all major state races for November's final contests.

MORE UNION DISSENT. This time in South Carolina. Dubbed a "mobilization", the rally at least took place on a Saturday when the livelihood of the children was not at stake. Want more money and benefits? Teachers should get up to speed on what's really preventing that from happening. (Hint: It's not education reform).

BAIT & SWITCH. The media have been hoodwinked clearly by catchy surveys conducted by the Louisiana Federation of Teachers claiming a majority of teachers support their strikes and demonstrations. Take a look at this loaded question they used to stir the pot. Again, teachers should ask themselves, what has the union done lately to ensure that school spending reaches the classroom, to reduce their dues, to reduce pension costs, ensure that salaries not be topped off at the end of a teacher's career, and that greatness is rewarded, while mediocrity is not? The reality is that most teachers don't know how they are paid, or why.

New survey shows nearly 4,000 Louisiana teachers would strike, quit for higher pay

Louisiana Teacher Salary Satisfaction Survey 2018

School funding in Louisiana has remained stagnant for most of the last decade, and our teacher salaries are now about \$2,000 below the Southern regional average. Another budget crisis is looming, and yet our legislature has taken no steps to avert it.

In some states, teachers and school employees have acted to demand pay raises and better funding for schools. Actions in West Virginia, Oklahoma and Kentucky had positive results for educators.

Please complete this survey. Let the Louisiana Federation of Teachers know what you think about salaries in our state, and what you think will help correct the situation.

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WHEN THEY CAN'T WIN THEY SUE. Repeated lawsuits initiated by the unions against the tiny Washington State charter school law are going to prevent more students like Jalen Johnson, an 11th-grader at Summit Sierra charter school in Seattle, from succeeding. Johnson told the crowd at a pro-charter rally that the commitment of his teachers helped turn him from an average middle-school student who had little thought of attending college to a thriving high-school junior who hopes to study urban planning at the University of California at Berkeley. "This is how every school should be." That's the same theme in Georgia in a news report about charter school graduates. "Public school choice, in the form of successful, innovative public charter schools, helps struggling children thrive and graduate."

SPEAKING OF GRADUATES, Michigan's charter schools are forcing some who have long used flawed data to condemn Detroit charters to eat their words. Turns out that with struggle comes progress (as one of our friends would say). A dollar spent by a Detroit charter yields 2.5x lifetime earnings, according new a new report by the Mackinac Center. Indeed 8 of the 10 top high schools in Detroit for college enrollment were charter schools. Despite the

good news, the Gubernatorial Democratic frontrunner in Michigan announced earlier this month his "war on charter schools." Shri Thanedar is campaigning on a plan to ban most Michigan charter schools. His competitor Gretchen Whitmer is following his lead.

ILLINOIS CHOICES UNDER ATTACK, TOO. Political efforts motivated by stiff teacher union pressure threaten the elimination of the successful Invest in Kids Act program, despite its popularity and necessity. Empower Illinois received 24,000 applications as soon as its scholarship program went live, causing its website to crash, and is up to 50,000. The state tax credit program is decried by the teachers' union because it's a policy that supports educational alternatives. So as the unions work to pull teachers out of school they are also trying to stop kids from going to schools that meet their needs. Go figure.

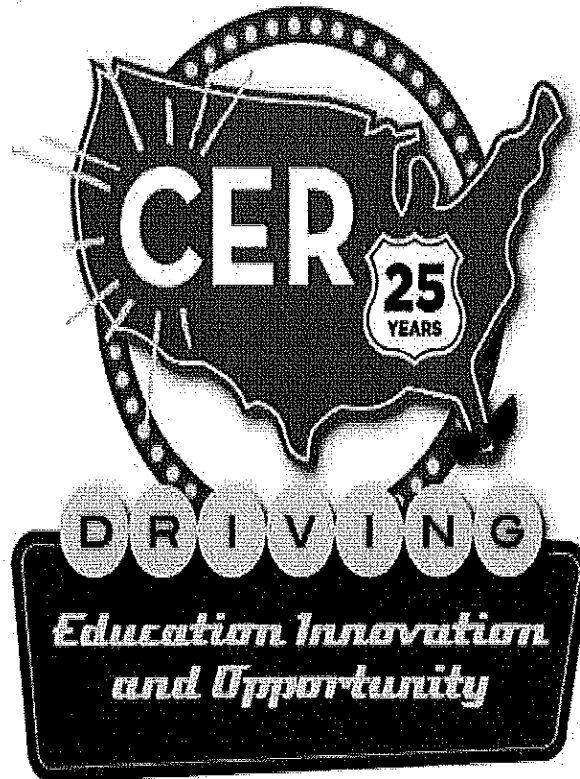
FLORIDA DISTRICTS FIGHT equality for kids while they deny charter public schools their equal right to property tax money.

DESPITE FAILURE & SAFETY ISSUES, the head of the National Education Association (NEA) is galloping into Kentucky to the fight proposed state takeover of Jefferson County Public Schools.

LET US PRAY. THE MUCH-ANTICIPATED SCOTUS *JANUS v.*

AFSCME RULING in late June could mean a seismic shift for teachers' unions. With the strong possibility of a ruling Mark Janus' favor, releasing non-union teachers from mandatory fees, the nation's largest teachers' union, the National Teachers Association (NEA) has announced a projected loss of 300,000 members over two years and accordingly, a proposed annual budget reduction of \$50 million. For more details and analysis on the case and how its outcome will affect all educators and students, listen to this Monday's Reality Check with Jeanne Allen with guest Colin Sharkey, executive vice president of the Association of American Educators.

Check out this week's [Reality Check w/Jeanne Allen for an interview](#) with North Carolina charter school leaders about the strikes and their prescription for success.

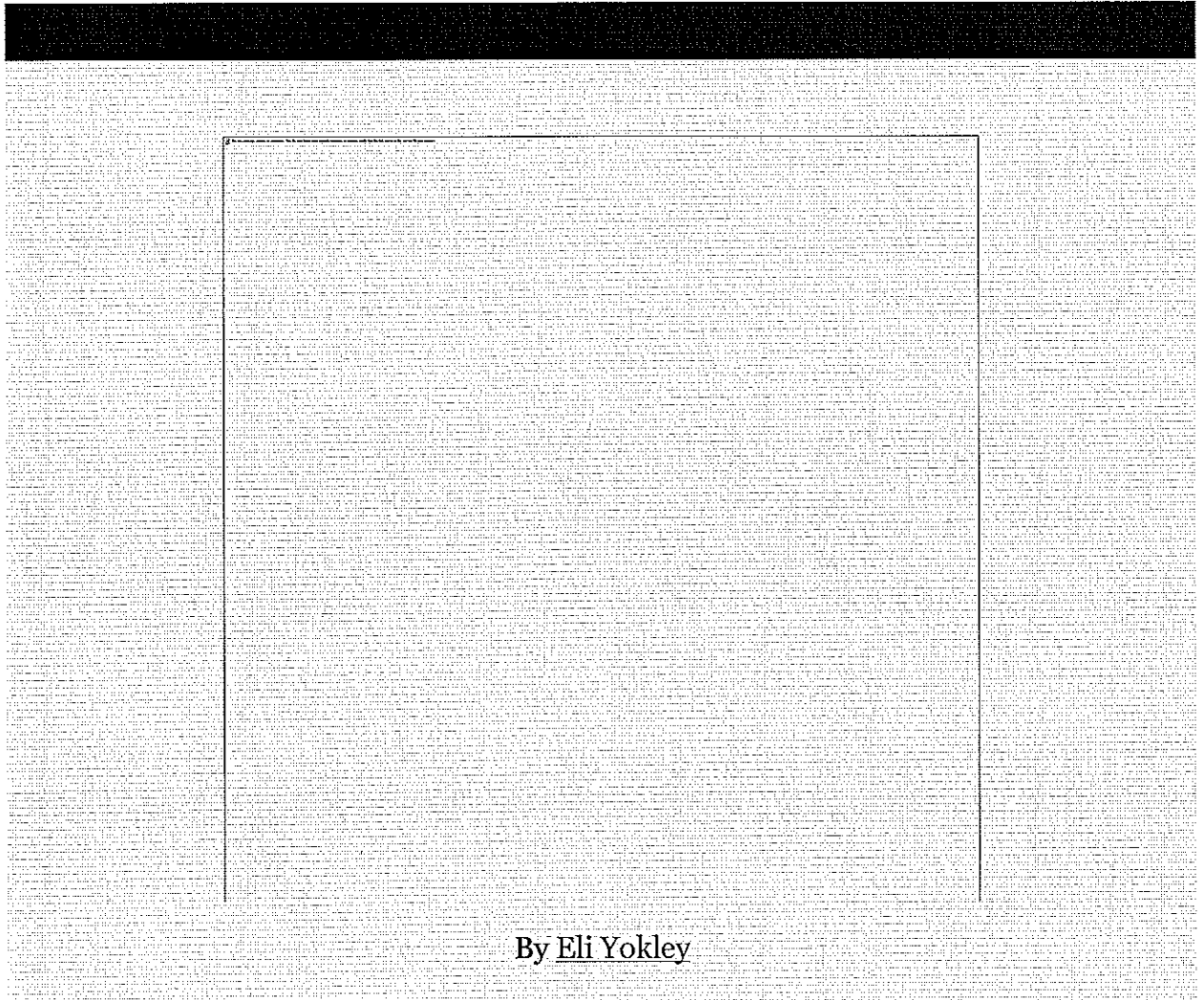


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By Eli Yokley

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- Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, a lawyer for President Donald Trump, said the president "probably does" have the power to pardon himself. But, during an interview about special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation, Giuliani said Trump "has no intention" of pardoning himself, adding that the "political ramifications of that would be tough." ([ABC News](#))
- Trump's lawyers said in a confidential letter delivered to Mueller's office in January that the president cannot be compelled to testify in the special counsel's investigation, and that Trump could not have committed obstructed justice because he has authority over all federal investigations. Trump's lawyers fear he risks subjecting himself to accusations of lying to investigators if he answers questions voluntarily or in front of a grand jury. ([The New York Times](#))
- House Republican leaders are hoping to broker a deal this week that would allow floor votes on immigration measures controlled by the party's leadership, instead a series of contentious immigration votes that could be forced by moderate Republicans. Two more Republican signatures are needed to trigger the controversial votes via a discharge petition, assuming all House Democrats support the legislative maneuver. ([The Hill](#))

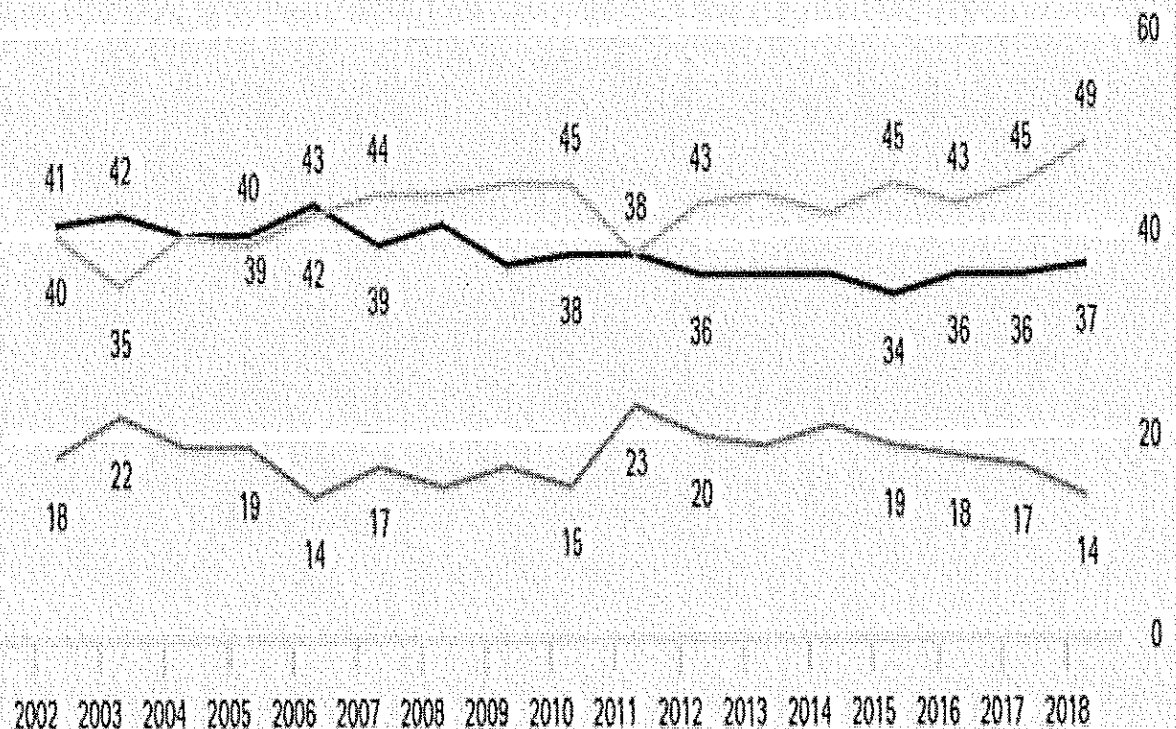
Chart Review

About Half of Americans Say U.S. Moral Values Are 'Poor'
Gallup

Public Most Negative Since 2002 About U.S. Moral Values

How would you rate the overall state of moral values in this country today -- as excellent, good, only fair or poor?

■ % Excellent/Good ■ % Only fair ■ % Poor



Events Calendar (All Times Local)

MONDAY

No events scheduled

TUESDAY

<u>Sen. Warner participates in Axios event on tech</u>	8 a.m.
<u>ICE deputy director participates in National Press Club event</u>	9:30 a.m.
<u>Heritage Foundation hosts event on the Trump administration's strategy in Europe</u>	11 a.m.
<u>Montana governor participates in CAP event on money in politics</u>	12 p.m.
<u>Washington Institute for Near East Policy hosts event to discuss the Gulf's view of U.S.-Iran relations</u>	12:30 p.m.
<u>Heritage Foundation event on the potential U.S.-North Korea summit</u>	1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

<u>CEA's Hassett, OECD's Gurría speak at event on new survey on U.S. economy</u>	9 a.m.
<u>Sen. Sanders speaks at event hosted by The Washington Post</u>	9:30 a.m.
<u>HHS' Azar testifies at House Education and the Workforce Committee hearing</u>	10 a.m.
<u>House Oversight and Government Reform subcommittee hearing on ending U.S. involvement in the Iran nuclear deal</u>	2 p.m.

THURSDAY

DOT's Chao, Sens. Blunt and Cantwell speak at Washington Post event

8:30
a.m.

Arizona governor participates in AEI event on the opioid crisis and foster care families

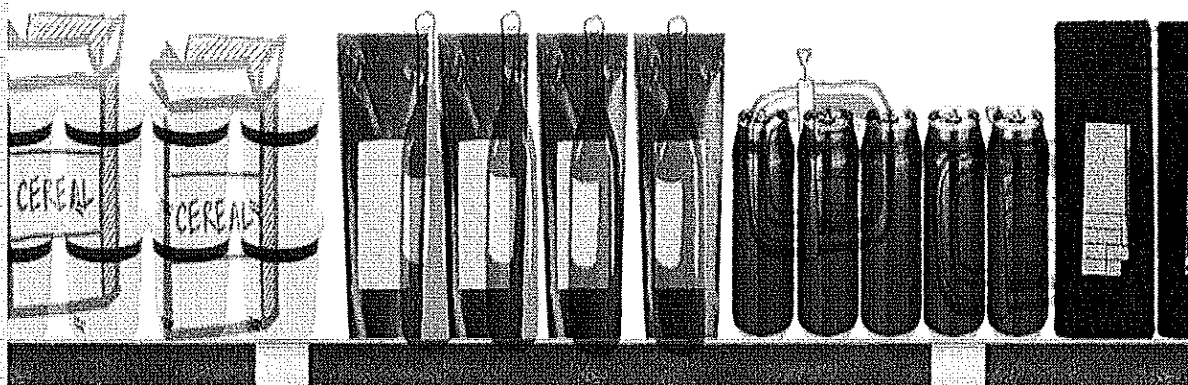
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Commerce Under Secretary Gilbert Kaplan discusses trade policy at WITA event

2 p.m.

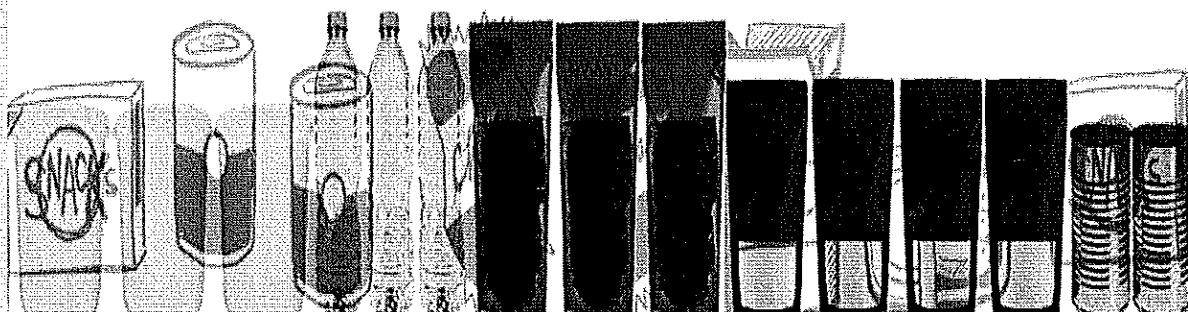
FRIDAY

Heritage Foundation event on U.S.-Indonesia relations 10 a.m.



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General

Pentagon to take over security clearance checks

Lolita C. Baldor, The Associated Press

The Defense Department is poised to take over background investigations for the federal government, using increased automation and high-tech analysis to tighten controls and tackle an enormous backlog of workers waiting for security clearances, according to U.S. officials. The change aims to fix a system whose weaknesses were exposed by the case of a Navy contractor who gunned down a dozen people at Washington's Navy Yard in 2013.

Iran calls on world to stand up to Trump, save nuclear deal

Bozorgmehr Sharafedin, Reuters

The world should stand up to Washington's bullying behavior, Iran's foreign minister was quoted as saying on Sunday by state media in a letter to counterparts, as the top diplomat intensifies efforts to save a nuclear deal after a U.S. exit. U.S. President Donald Trump pulled out last month from the 2015 accord between Iran and world powers that lifted sanctions on Tehran in exchange for curbs to its nuclear program.

Joe Biden steams into midterm campaigns as 2020 question looms

Mike Memoli, NBC News

There are two questions Joe Biden just can't avoid most days: When can you campaign for me? And what are you doing in 2020?

Business economists worry about possible recession in 2020

Martin Crutsinger, The Associated Press

A group of top business economists believes the major tax cuts President Donald Trump pushed through Congress will give a significant boost to

economic growth this year and next year. But they worry that by 2020, the country could be entering a new recession.

Presidential

President Trump 'probably does' have the power to pardon himself: Giuliani

Morgan Winsor, ABC News

President Donald Trump's personal attorney said the commander-in-chief "probably does" have the power to pardon himself. In an interview Sunday with ABC News Chief Anchor George Stephanopoulos on "This Week," Rudy Giuliani discussed special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation of whether the president may have tried to obstruct justice in the probe of Russian efforts to interfere in the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

Giuliani: Trump Could Have Shot Comey And Still Couldn't Be Indicted For It

S.V. Date, Huffington Post

Candidate Donald Trump bragged that he could shoot someone on New York's Fifth Avenue and not lose any support, and now President Donald Trump's lawyer says Trump could shoot the FBI director in the Oval Office and still not be prosecuted for it. "In no case can he be subpoenaed or indicted," Rudy Giuliani told HuffPost Sunday, claiming a president's constitutional powers are that broad.

Trump's Lawyers, in Confidential Memo, Argue to Head Off a Historic Subpoena

Michael S. Schmidt et al., The Washington Post

President Trump's lawyers have for months quietly waged a campaign to keep the special counsel from trying to force him to answer questions in the investigation into whether he obstructed justice, asserting that he cannot be compelled to testify and arguing in a confidential letter that he

could not possibly have committed obstruction because he has unfettered authority over all federal investigations. In a brash assertion of presidential power, the 20-page letter - sent to the special counsel, Robert S. Mueller III, and obtained by The New York Times - contends that the president cannot illegally obstruct any aspect of the investigation into Russia's election meddling because the Constitution empowers him to, "if he wished, terminate the inquiry, or even exercise his power to pardon."

President Trump Orders Help For Coal And Nuclear Plants
Jeff Brady, NPR News

President Trump has ordered Energy Secretary Rick Perry to take immediate steps to help financially troubled coal and nuclear power plants. A draft plan marked "confidential" is being circulated around Washington.

White House plans to nominate conservative documentarian, Bannon ally, to lead government media agency
Hadas Gold, CNN

President Donald Trump will nominate a conservative documentarian and Stephen Bannon ally to lead a large government agency that creates and distributes news to more than one hundred countries. Late Friday, the White House announced its intent to nominate Michael Pack, a former president of the conservative Claremont Institute, to lead the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

Senate

Senate Republicans Are Newly Hopeful About the Midterms. For Good Reason.
Jonathan Martin, The New York Times

After a turbulent first year confronting friendly fire from President Trump, Senate Republicans are entering the summer before the midterm

elections feeling more hopeful about retaining their narrow majority than at any time since the president's election. And for good reason.

GOP senators need an agenda - so they're doing a poll
John Bresnahan and Burgess Everett, Politico

Republican senators aren't sure what to do between now and the November election. So they're conducting a poll - of themselves.

Jon Tester, a Democrat in Deep-Red Montana, Isn't Sweating Trump's Threats
Nicholas Fandos, The New York Times

Under a nearly cloudless sky on the sun-speckled northern prairie last Tuesday, Jon Tester, this state's senior senator, had his hands deep inside a 25-year-old grain auger. In Washington, the White House was letting it be known that President Trump was planning a summertime blitz against Democrats running for re-election in states that he had won, a tour that would surely bring him to Montana, where the president's margin was 20 percentage points.

State GOP facing test by backing Leah Vukmir in US Senate primary
Mark Sommerhauser, Wisconsin State Journal

The Republican Party of Wisconsin is putting its organizational muscle behind its chosen candidate for U.S. Senate, Leah Vukmir, even as her well-funded GOP opponent, Kevin Nicholson, vows to prevail in the Aug. 14 primary. History suggests Nicholson, a Delafield management consultant and political newcomer, has a tough challenge to oust the party favorite in Vukmir.

House

This week: GOP faces make-or-break moment on immigration **Jordain Carney and Melanie Zanona, The Hill**

House Republicans are facing a make-or-break moment on immigration as they return to Washington this week. GOP members will huddle in the Capitol on Thursday for a two-hour conference meeting designed to reach a consensus on the hot-button issue.

Majority Leader McCarthy defends Trump tariffs **Jacqueline Klimas, Politico**

House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy on Sunday defended the administration for leveraging tariffs on close allies as "standing up" for free trade. "We are in the middle of a trade discussion. Nobody wants to be in a trade war. Nobody wins a trade war," the California Republican said on CNN's "State of the Union."

In Race to Succeed Paul Ryan, More Names Pop Up **Kristina Peterson, The Wall Street Journal**

House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy and Majority Whip Steve Scalise are the lawmakers to beat to replace the departing House Speaker Paul Ryan. But their status as the frontrunners to succeed Mr. Ryan, who plans to leave office in January, hasn't quelled chatter on Capitol Hill of who else might become a contender.

Distillery owner Denver Riggleman wins GOP nomination to replace Garrett on Virginia congressional ticket **Graham Moomaw, Richmond Times-Dispatch**

Virginia distillery owner Denver Riggleman on Saturday won the Republican nomination to replace retiring U.S. Rep. Tom Garrett, R-5th, on the ballot in November, capping a chaotic week after Garrett abruptly announced he'll step down and seek treatment for alcoholism. Riggleman, who ran a libertarian-flavored campaign for governor last year but dropped out before the GOP primary, may have saved the Republican establishment's hopes of holding the 5th District, which runs

through the middle of the state from the Northern Virginia exurbs to the North Carolina border.

Lujan Grisham misstated her income in 2013 financial disclosures

Rachana Pradhan, Politico

Rep. Michelle Lujan Grisham earned more from her role as co-owner of the company that runs New Mexico's high-risk insurance program than she stated on her congressional financial disclosure forms for 2013, according to a review of the report and newly released tax returns. In annual financial disclosures required for members of Congress, Lujan Grisham initially reported receiving between \$50,001 and \$100,000 in dividends in 2013 from the Delta Consulting Group, which she co-founded in 2008 with a political ally who went on to get elected to the New Mexico Legislature.

The Battle for the House Hits the Shores of Southern California

Bridget Bowman, Roll Call

The battle for control of the House has landed in California, and it's partly because of voters like Deborah and Wyatt Carr. Deborah, 69, was not registered with a party, and Wyatt, 73, was a longtime Republican.

States

Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney poised to enter attorney general race

Rebecca C. Lewis, City & State New York

Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney is "getting ready" to enter the race for New York attorney general and plans to make an announcement about it early next week. In a Friday interview with City & State, referring to being openly gay, Maloney said he hopes to "make some history" and to "build a broader consensus about positive change."

**California bans travel to another state based on its
'discriminatory' LGBT adoption law**

Ryan W. Miller, USA Today

Add Oklahoma to the list of states to which California is banning state-funded and state-sponsored travel. California Attorney General Xavier Becerra announced Friday that as a result of "discriminatory legislation" that became Oklahoma law last month, the western state will prohibit travel to its midwestern counterpart.

**Outspoken legislator Erin Maye Quade endorsed as Erin
Murphy's running mate in governor's race**

Jessie Van Berkel, Star Tribune

Minnesota DFLers wrapped up their hard-fought endorsing convention Sunday by unexpectedly backing lieutenant governor candidate Erin Maye Quade, a rookie legislator whose fight against sexual harassment and sit-in for gun control vaulted her into the spotlight. Minnesota DFLers backed Maye Quade a day after state Rep. Erin Murphy won the gubernatorial endorsement over U.S. Rep. Tim Walz in seven rounds of voting.

Advocacy

**Lobbyist Whose Wife Rented a Condo to Scott Pruitt Failed to
Disclose E.P.A. Lobbying**

Eric Lipton, The New York Times

The lobbyist whose wife rented a \$50-a-night condo to Scott Pruitt, the head of the Environmental Protection Agency, has revised his disclosure reports after his firm concluded he had not properly disclosed additional efforts to influence Mr. Pruitt and the agency - including appeals when Mr. Pruitt was living in the condo. The lobbying firm, Williams & Jensen, has refiled lobbying disclosure reports from 2017 to acknowledge that Steve Hart, the firm's former chairman, lobbied the E.P.A. on behalf of

Coca-Cola and a government board from Puerto Rico helping the island address its fiscal debts.

Embattled Chinese Telecom Giant ZTE Hired Trump Campaign Veteran

Lachlan Markay, The Daily Beast

A day after President Donald Trump announced he would consider easing penalties against a controversial Chinese electronics company, that company enlisted a Trump campaign veteran to make its case in Washington. ZTE Corporation struck a contract with D.C. lobbying and public relations powerhouse Mercury Public Affairs on May 14, a day after Trump tweeted that he would consider lifting the penalties that had been imposed on the company as punishment for its violation of sanctions against Iran and North Korea.

Unions Brace for Pivotal Court Decision Amid Politicking

Kate Ackley, Roll Call

In preparation for a Supreme Court decision that may deal a significant setback to public-sector unions, organized labor groups are launching new recruiting efforts as they mobilize for the midterm elections. The case - brought by Illinois state worker Mark Janus against the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees - challenges existing law that allows government-employee unions to collect fees from nonmembers.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

Concerned About National Security? Fund Our Schools Better

Henry C. Lucas Jr., Morning Consult

The wave of teacher strikes, from West Virginia to Colorado, has raised our awareness of how teacher pay has fallen behind the salaries of other professionals and how desperate conditions are in many schools. Some

states have cut education budgets so severely that they are spending far less in today's dollars than they were ten years ago.

The Other China Challenge **The Editorial Board, The Wall Street Journal**

While President Trump focuses on trade and North Korea, China is aggressively building military outposts beyond its borders in the South China Sea. Beijing wants to push Washington out of the Indo-Pacific, and the Trump Administration and Congress may finally be developing a serious strategy to respond.

The Shame in Puerto Rico **The Editorial Board, The New York Times**

It is eight months now since Hurricane Maria ravaged Puerto Rico, leveling 70,000 homes and leaving 3.3 million people without power or water and the health care system in tatters. By any measure, the catastrophe was on a level with Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy, two other storms that devastated large regions of America.

Research Reports and Polling

CBS News Battleground Tracker: The House is a toss-up **Anthony Salvanto et al., CBS News**

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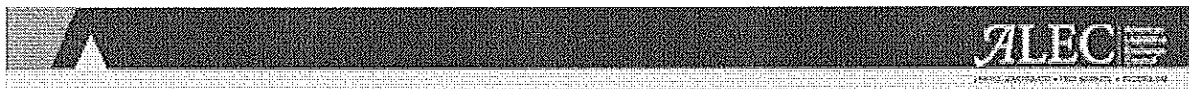
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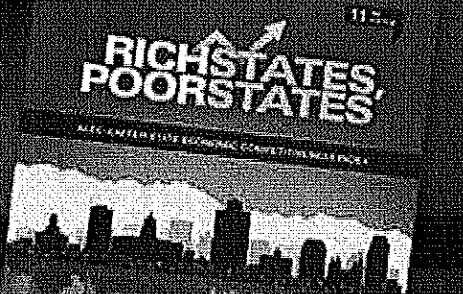
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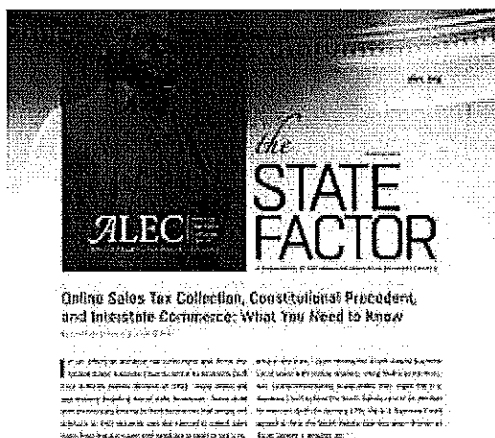
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Discussing State Responses to the Opioid Crisis

Ronald J. Lampard | Criminal Justice



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Transportation and Taxes

Are Drivers Getting a Good Deal for Gas Taxes?

Grant Kidwell | Energy, Environment, and Agriculture



Are American drivers getting a good deal on roads for what they pay in gas taxes?

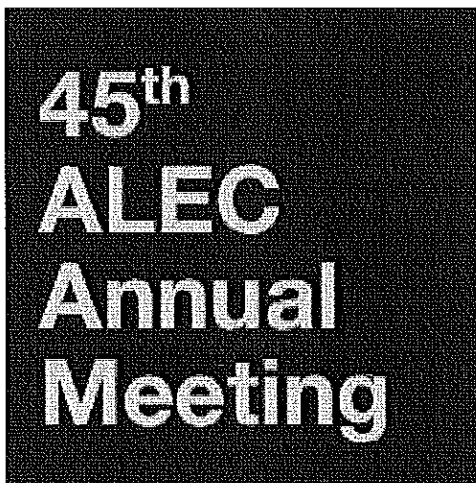
Most would struggle to answer the question since doing so would first require them knowing how much they pay in taxes at the pump. Americans are more likely to know how much they pay in sales taxes than they do in gas taxes. This is due to unique lack of transparency in transactions at gas stations.

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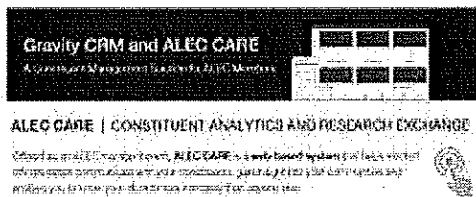


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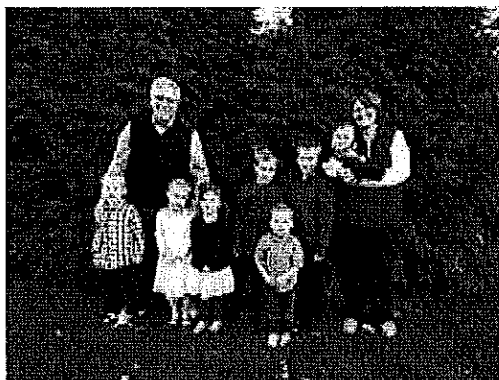


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Working for Families in Indiana

Representative Dale DeVon | IN-5



This week, ALEC and FreedomWorks recognize **Indiana Representative Dale DeVon** as the Legislator of the Week. Representative DeVon is homebuilder and small business owner who recognizes the importance of affordable housing. He also emphasizes the importance of families, having worked as a youth leader in his church and working with at-risk children to help them with a better future.

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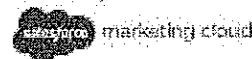


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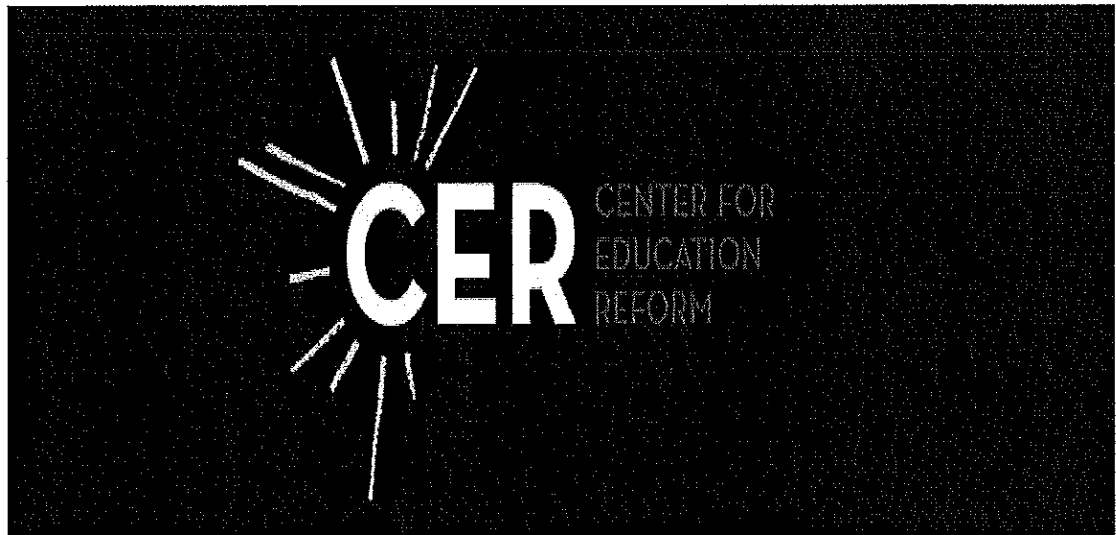
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choice. He did other great things as governor, too (e.g. welfare reform), and went on to build a remarkable career of public service, including a stint as Secretary of Health and Human Services under George W. Bush, but he'll always be tops in our book for his commitment to, and success in, achieving substantive education reform.

MEANWHILE BACK AT THE RANCH... Last Sunday night NBC News aired a charter school story that argues charters are increasingly geared to support "white flight." If the claims weren't so outlandish and unfounded, it would be laughable. The producer, who was incredibly open to receiving information countering these allegations, based his report on an analysis performed by the Hechinger Report. In one of the documents CER supplied, we demonstrated Hechinger's bias against charter schools, as well as the folly of the argument. [Read more...](#)

A DOUBLE DOSE OF REALITY... This week Jeanne Allen interviewed [Erica Komisar](#), author of "Being There: Why Prioritizing Motherhood in the First Three Years Matters." Based on more than two decades of clinical work and breakthrough neurobiological research on caregiving, attachment and brain development, her book challenges established concepts (and myths) of infant resiliency, 'having it all' and even the definition of feminism. One thing this book is not about is quitting your job. "It's not about working vs. not working – it's really a book about more is more." Also on Reality Check, an attorney for Mark Janus from the [Liberty Justice Center](#) shares his thoughts on the likely outcome of the high court's pending decision.

Find the podcasts at edreform.com/realitycheck and on [National Review](#).

WHEN IT RAINS IT POURS... Just as the AFT and NEA are bracing for the ruling from SCOTUS in the Janus v. AFSCME case, [teachers in New York state have filed a class-action suit](#) claiming (correctly, we might add) that they are being illegally forced to cough up union dues even if they're not union members. This is in response to NY's new law, signed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo

last April, mandating that all teachers pay a New York State United Teachers "agency fee" regardless of their membership status. Supporters say all teachers benefit from pay hikes and perks secured by the union and should subsidize those efforts. In a suit filed Thursday the two teachers who brought the case say (correctly, we might add) that they oppose "NYSUT's political advocacy and collective bargaining activities" and shouldn't have to fund them. Yep.

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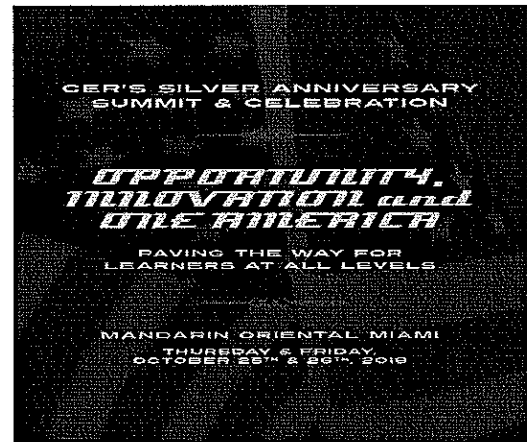
MORE THAN REASONABLE... The Reason Foundation has put out a great piece on school funding. Although titled "Five Recommendations to Solve LAUSD's Looming Fiscal Crisis" its applicable, in parts or in whole, to school funding crises around the country and is worth the read.

SUNSHINE STATE SUCCESS... Former Florida Senate Education Chairman, John Legg, recently summed up Florida's great, new K-12 scholarship program. "... [it] is conceptually reminiscent of the free tutoring programs developed by bipartisan education advocates under the federal No Child Left Behind Act. This scholarship is driven by the educational principle that children must learn to read so they can then read to learn." Notably the program doesn't try to simply thread more money into district elementary reading budgets but instead provides a reading scholarship, which gives parents the decision on how to spend it. And why is that a better approach, Legg was asked: "The parent is the most influential person in the child's life."

A PROGRESSIVE POINT OF VIEW... Also of note this week, a passionate op-ed on educational opportunity for all, titled "Progressive, affluent parents who send their kids to good= schools shouldn't deny others that right." An excerpt: "Simply put, I'm a progressive. So it troubles me deeply to hear self-styled progressives attack educational options that other parents choose for their children. Worse, these attacks on the educational choices that lower-income parents and parents of children with special needs make almost always

come from progressives of higher means. We have a recommendation for that: Check your privilege. I support educational choice for all. Educational options have existed for the wealthy for as long as anyone can remember. What's controversial is when we suggest that those same options should be open to everyone." Amen.

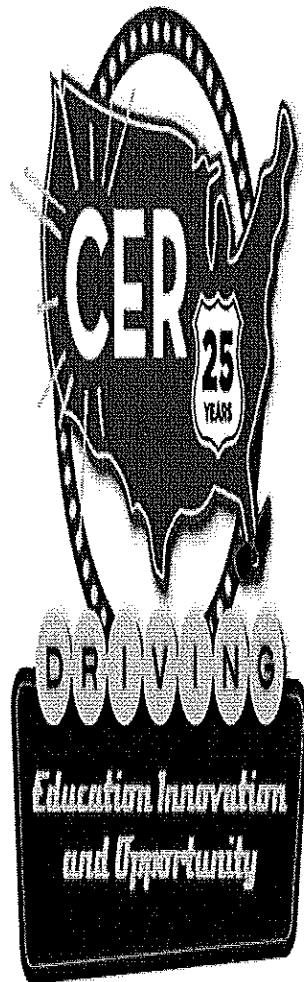
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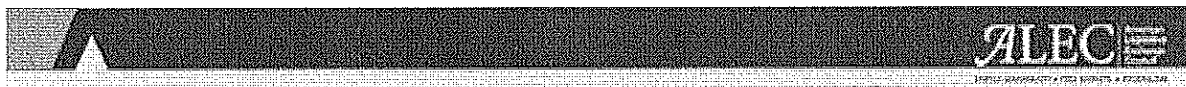


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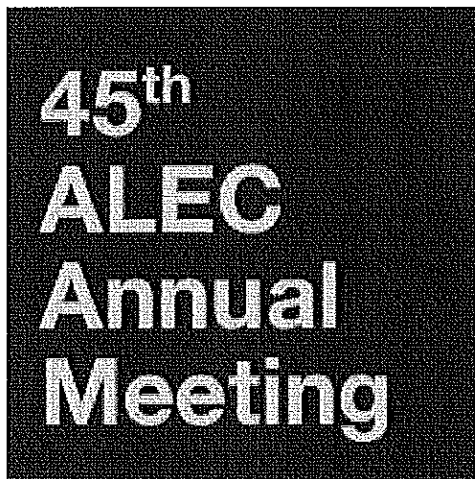
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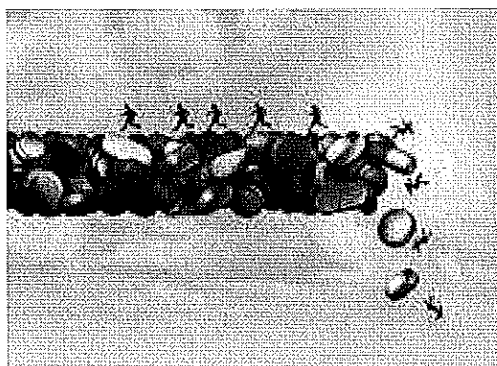
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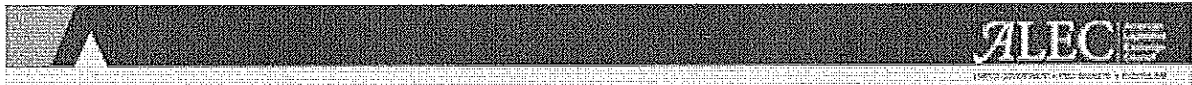


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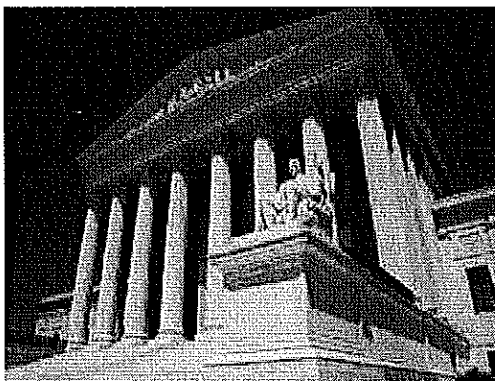


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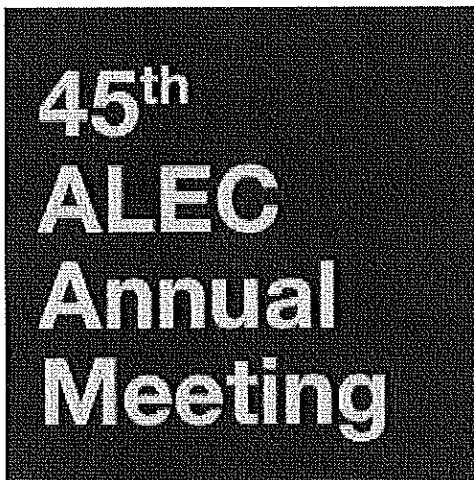
The Supreme Court today released their decision in *South Dakota v. Wayfair*, concerning the collection of sales tax for online retailers. ALEC has released a statement on the decision in the case, for which the organization has previously submitted an [Amicus Brief](#).

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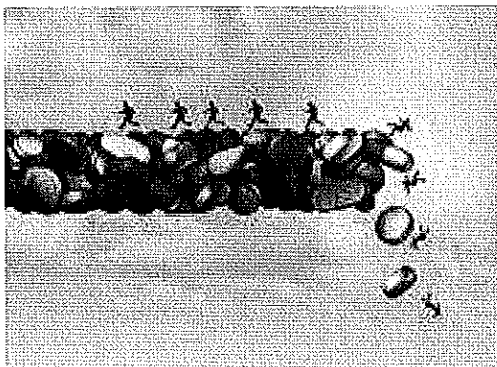
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Good Leadership in Kansas

Sen. Susan Wagle | KS-30



This week, ALEC and Freedomworks introduce **Kansas Senator Susan Wagle** as this week's Legislator of the Week. Senator Wagle has served since 2013 as the 47th Senate President of Kansas. Prior to her time in the Senate, she was also the Speaker *pro tem* in the Kansas House of Representatives. Senator Wagle is a proponent of government transparency in contracting, stating "Transparency in these matters protects the contracts from political cronyism."

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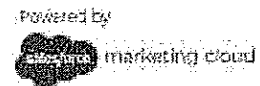
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Millions May Soon Gain the Right to Work

The U.S. Supreme Court will soon release its ruling on the viability of public sector unions. In the landmark case *Janus v. American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees* (AFSCME), the court will determine whether forced union dues are an infringement of state and local government workers' rights to freedom of speech and association.

Proponents of "open shop" or "right-to-work" (RTW) laws are confident the court will overturn *Abood v. Detroit Board of Education* (DBE), a 1977 Supreme Court decision that upheld the right for public unions to collect "fair share" or "agency fees" from non-union employees. The plaintiff in *Janus v. AFSCME*, Mark Janus, is an Illinois state employee who argued agency fees are a violation of his First Amendment rights, especially given the inherent political nature of public sector collective bargaining.

Although it is illegal to compel union membership, non-union public workers in states without RTW must often fork over agency fees to unions. These fees are used to support union collective bargaining activities and contract enforcements. Currently, state laws mandate all union and non-union public employees are represented in the collective

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bargaining process by a democratically elected union, which becomes the exclusive bargaining representative.

Opponents of RTW laws argue workers who opt out of union membership should pay a fee, albeit one that is lower than union dues. Furthermore, RTW foes contend non-union employees receive the advantage of union-negotiated collective-bargaining agreements, such as high wages and top-tier benefits.

In a new *Research & Commentary*, Heartland Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans comments on the ramifications of a ruling in favor of Janus. "In anticipation of the upcoming ruling, many states have passed new laws, either strengthening unions or making it easier for state workers to opt out without penalties," Glans wrote.

Instead of imposing rules limiting workers' freedoms, Glans argues, "States can implement paycheck protection laws, and give workers control over their wages. States can also implement an opt-in standard for union participation, where a new worker has to choose to be in a union when they start a new job, instead of choosing to opt out. If ending the current opt-out standard is not possible, states can improve the process by requiring an opt-out only once per job or when a worker changes jobs, instead of having to wait until the end of a 12-month period."

Currently, 28 states have RTW laws, and a decision in favor of Janus should not deter the 22 other states from passing RTW laws. These laws govern all employees within the state, so both private- and public-sector workers are not obligated to pay union fees as a condition of employment. In the wake of *Janus v. AFSCME*, state legislators should pass "open shop" laws to secure the fundamental right to free speech and association for millions of workers and to grant workers sufficient notice and time to make an informed decision regarding union membership.

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Funding Formula Committee Has Chance to Transform Public Education in Idaho

In this *Research & Commentary*, Policy Analyst Tim Benson examines how for the first time since 1994 Idaho's Public School Funding Formula Committee is considering dramatically altering the method the state uses to allot public school funding. To accommodate budgetary concerns and revolutionary shifts in the classroom, the committee will recommend changes that could be implemented in the 2019 legislative session. Benson argues the committee has an opportunity to fundamentally transform public education in Idaho by shifting the funding formula to a child-centric model, where funding follows students, not schools.

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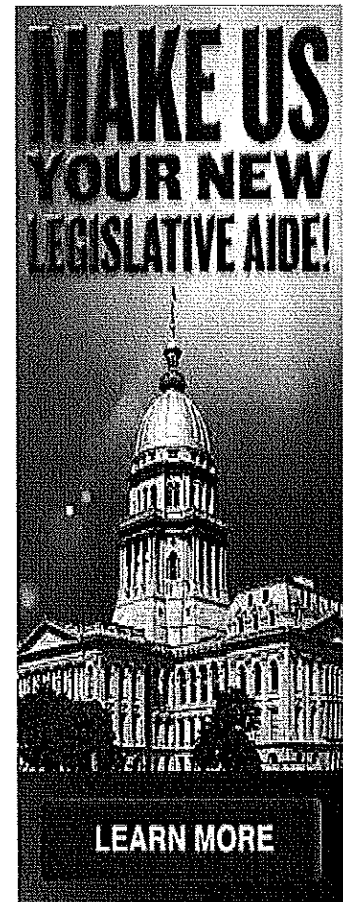
The Social Benefits of Fossil Fuels

This *Policy Brief* by Senior Fellows Joseph Bast and Peter Ferrara documents the many benefits from the historic and still ongoing use of fossil fuels. Fossil fuels are lifting billions of people out of poverty, reducing all the negative effects of poverty on human health, and vastly improving human well-being and safety by powering labor-saving and life-protecting technologies, such as air conditioning, modern medicine, and cars and trucks. Fossil fuels are also dramatically increasing the quantity of food humans produce and improving the reliability of the food supply, directly benefiting human health. Additionally, fossil fuel emissions are contributing to a "Greening of the Earth," benefiting all plants and wildlife.

Budget & Tax

Increasing Vaping Tax Would Hurt New Jerseyans Trying to Quit

In this *Research & Commentary*, Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans and State Government Relations Manager Lindsey Stroud examine a new tax on vaping products now under consideration in New Jersey. "Imposing excise taxes on vapor products are not justified from a public health



perspective, and it removes a prime economic incentive for smokers to improve their health by switching to e-cigarettes,” wrote Glans and Stroud.

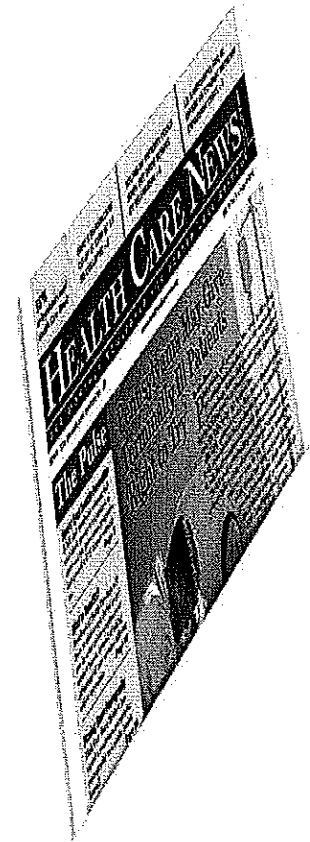
Health Care

Free To Choose Medicine in Japan: A Model for America

In this Heartland *Policy Brief*, Research Director Edward Hudgins examines Japan’s efforts to adopt a Free To Choose Medicine model for cutting-edge tissue based cures. Hudgins also explains why Japan’s success should encourage lawmakers in the United States to adopt a similar model here. “The United States is the world’s leader in medical innovations, but Japan has become the innovative world leader in creating a drug-approval process that quickly makes medical breakthroughs accessible to the patients who need them the most. American policymakers need to learn from the Japanese example to ensure U.S. medical innovators do not lose their competitive edge and that the goal of these innovations is achieved: preventing and curing illnesses,” wrote Hudgins.

From Our Free-Market Friends

Illinois Lawmaker Proposes Making Chicago Its Own State
In this piece published by the Illinois Policy Institute, Joe Kaiser writes about Illinois state Rep. Reggie Phillips’ proposal urging “Congress to take action to declare the City of Chicago the 51st state.” The possibility of Chicago becoming a state was once proposed by state Rep. Bill Mitchell, in 2011. The previous effort proved to be unsuccessful and didn’t gain much support, and this new proposal looks as though it will have the same fate, as it was not voted on prior to the end of the legislative session in May. Kaiser makes the argument that “politicians would be better served focusing on reforms to make the entire state competitive, which would eliminate the contention between Chicagoans and those in the rest of the state.



In the June issue of *Health Care News*, Zachary Williams reports on the Trump administration's new proposals to lower prescription drug prices. The proposals feature four pillars: improved competition, better negotiation, incentives for lower list prices, and

reducing out-of-pocket costs.

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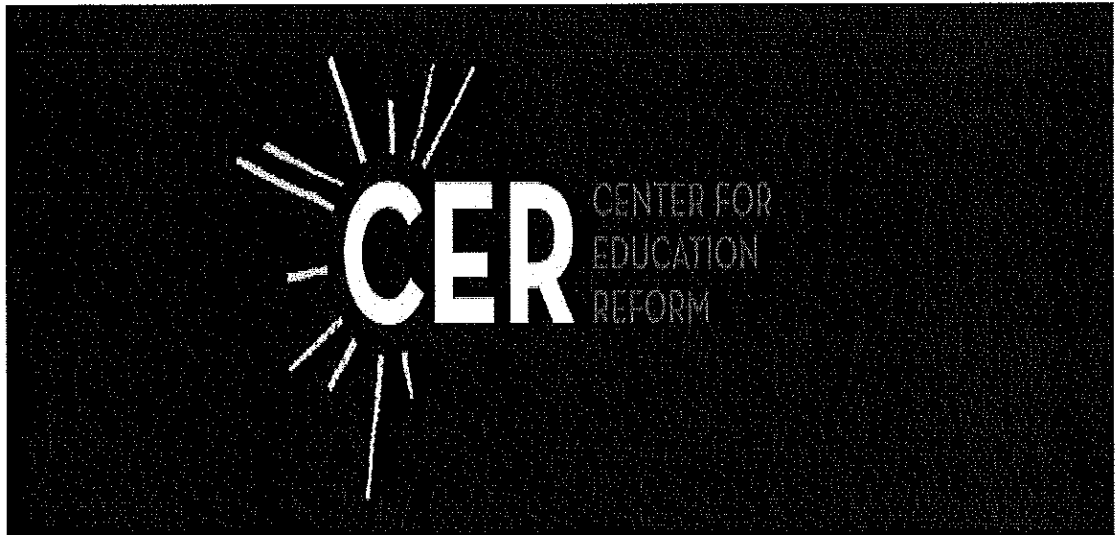
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U.S. Supreme Court Rules in favor of Mark Janus in *Janus v. AFSCME*

Statement by Jeanne Allen, Founder & CEO

It's a great day in Washington, DC! The high court's decision strikes a blow for the freedom guaranteed to individuals under the constitution. No citizen of the United States can be compelled to support speech that he or she does not believe in or endorse, and by upholding that constitutional protection, the court has affirmed a critical principle of freedom.

This is good news for the nation, for thousands of educators who have long been exploited by the teachers unions, and for families whose educational opportunities have been compromised by their political activity. When it comes to education, the most fundamental of all policies that shape our futures, no longer can the union compel people to support activities and positions regardless of principle.

In affirming the position of Mark Janus, the United States Supreme Court finally ends the decades-long assault on worker freedom. While unions, particularly the teachers' unions, have and will continue to decry the ruling, they would do well to look beyond the revenue-generating dollars-and-cents loss that it will entail and see the opportunity that it presents – the opportunity to secure support for their work based not on coercion, but on voluntary support from those who truly believe in the ideas, actions and pronouncements of any association to which they now may truly choose to belong.

Education in America is in the midst of a major transformation, which is struggling to realize its full potential in the face of limiting contractual and oppositional forces. From apathy to lack of knowledge to deliberate impediments created by unions, these obstacles have kept education from advancing into 21st century.

The unions now have a chance to join the movement, and embrace the cause of improving education for parents seeking new opportunities for their children, and for children in need of opportunities for innovative individualized learning options, or they get out of the way entirely. While hope springs eternal, we doubt, sadly, that wither will occur. Thankfully, however, teachers will now be able to exercise their own power in impacting the needs of children and families in the education process and policies supporting it.

Kudos to the Court, to Mark Janus, to Rebecca Friedrichs who began the journey before him, and to all who are engaged in the fight for liberty and justice.

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Landmark Labor Decision by United States Supreme Court

By Julie T. Bittner - Partner, West De Moines, IA

In this week's landmark decision, the United States Supreme Court ruled that government workers who choose not to join a union cannot be charged for the cost of collective bargaining. Justice Samuel Alito wrote the majority opinion and the court's conservative justices joined. [View case here.](#)

In *Janus v. American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council 31, et al.*, the Petitioner Mark Janus was an Illinois state employee whose unit is represented by a public-sector union. Mr. Janus refused to join the union because he opposed many of the union's decisions, including those taken in collective bargaining. Employees who declined to join the

union were not assessed full union dues but instead were required to pay an “agency fee” which was a percentage of the union dues (here 78.06% of full union dues).

The employees were not asked and were not required to consent before the fees were deducted. In Illinois, the nonmembers were told that the agency fee covered lobbying, social and recreational activities, advertising, membership meetings and conventions and litigation, as well as other unspecified services that “may ultimately insure to the benefit of the members of the local bargaining unit.” Mr. Janus sued challenging the constitutionality of agency fees. In his case, the fees amounted to about \$535/year.

This week, the Supreme Court held that the State’s extraction of agency fees from nonconsenting public-sector employees violates the First Amendment. In its decision, the Court overturned a 41-year-old decision, *Abood v. Detroit Bd. Of Ed.*, 431 U.S. 209 (1977) and overturns laws in 22 states.

In addition to the historic argument in *Abood* regarding ‘free riders,’ Respondents argued that mandatory agency fees were necessary for unions to bargain with an adequately funded budget and to improve the efficiency of the work force. Respondents argued agency fees are needed to prevent nonmembers from enjoying the benefit of union representation without shouldering the costs (free-riding). The Supreme Court rejected each argument in turn, finding that the government’s proffered interests did not justify the heavy burden of agency fees on nonmembers’ First Amendment interests.

As a result, states and public-sector unions may no longer extract agency fees from nonconsenting employees. The Court held the First Amendment is violated when money is taken from nonconsenting employees for a public-sector union; employees must choose to support the union before anything is taken from them. Public-sector unions are still free to organize and represent their members, but cannot compel non-members to support their activities.

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Happy Birthday America!

Supreme Court: What a week!?! Justice Kennedy announced his retirement giving President Trump an opportunity to appoint a solid conservative on the court that will hold up the principles enshrined in our constitution...rather than rewrite it.

Then the Supreme Court passed the Janus decision, finally giving government workers the right to to chose whether or not to pay union dues. With municipal unions blindly backing Democrats with their union dues, this gives workers the ability to make their own decisions when it comes to politics. This is huge!

Attempted Entrapment: Stunning, as the Obama Administration's political hacks attempted to entrap members of the Trump campaign in what clearly is becomely decided clear political gamesmanship. This kind of activity threatens our democracy at its core. "Spygate" is worse than "Watergate" because of the brazen political bias and intent to stop the election of a major party's nominee...regardless of who that person is. Offenders should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Democratic Ideas: Think about this, from union dues to Obamacare, liberal ideas are so good they have to use government to force you to buy them?!? A bankrupt party?

The Democrats have Lost It: Congresswomen Maxine Waters and Nancy Pelosi now represent the mainstream of the Democratic Party...which is truly unbelievable! Elections have consequences, they lost, and the Trump Administration is implementing their promises, their policy. If the liberal/progressive left disagrees, harness the intellectual power of the liberal left, make your case to the American people for open borders, catch and release, higher taxes, less jobs, civil disobedience, racism and going backwards....and let the American people decide at the ballot box. I think we are in the midst of a second American Revolution, the difference is conservatives and normal Americans are willing to fight it at the ballot box rather than at the end of barrel or a flying brick.

The progressive left wing Democratic Party has gone too far. They've lost any semblance of civil discord. They openly finance, encourage and defend anything from near domestic terrorism by individual with Antifa - Black Lives Matter to MS-13, to riots in the streets, to an invasion of illegal immigrants across our border to our own law enforcement, intelligence services and IRS targeting U.S. citizens for political reasons.

An Obama/Clinton legacy that will be a shockingly disturbing chapter in America's history.

Why Share This Newsletter: I've had a few questions over the last few weeks as to why I share various information and news stories via this newsletter and online.

I want activists to engage. I email this newsletter every Sunday to about 16,000 activists, reporters, pundits and other folks who care. It's free...it a collection of some of the key stories for the week that help inform and move the debate forward.

The goal is to give a conservative perspective, facts to fight the left and to motivate Americans to engage in the debate over public policy that matters.

I also want to help expose the radical left wing propaganda as just that. The tactics and willingness of so many on the left to lie, distort, threaten and destroy civil discourse is dangerous. Too many have lost the ability to agree to disagree and have a rational disagreement over policy and politics.

We need to tone it down...get back to a battle over ideas...let both side express themselves in civil discourse. Leave the bats, bottles, masks and race baiting name calling at home.

So I hope it helps, informs and motivates...for it's a fight worth fighting.

Keep the faith!

-Saul Anuzis



Trump's poll numbers are surging as he faces some of the biggest controversies of his presidency

- President Donald Trump has faced intense, sustained media and political backlash to his immigration policies.
- But amid the controversies, Trump's approval is near a high at 45%. That's about what President Barack Obama was polling at this stage in his presidency.
- Many in the US don't trust the media, potentially explaining why the outrage on news programs hasn't shown up in polling.

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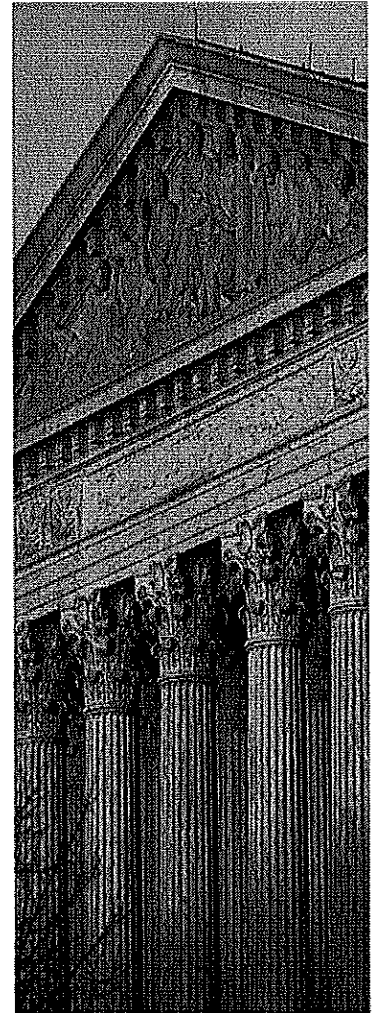
Huge News...Government Workers 'Free At Last'

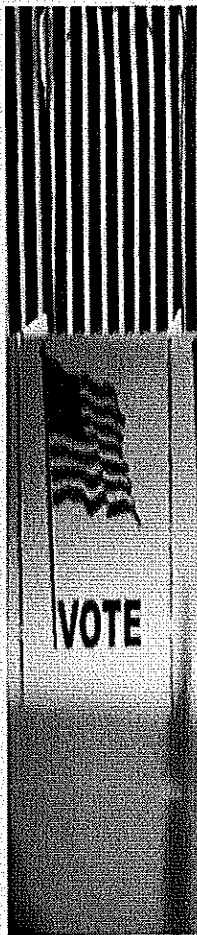
Rank and file government workers won big over union bosses Wednesday when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5-4 in favor of Mark Janus, an Illinois state worker who refused to join the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees. The court struck down an Illinois law that allowed the union to deduct fees from Janus's paycheck despite his refusal to join.

The Janus ruling smashes laws in 22 states -- including New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and California -- that compel nonmembers to support unions. Until now, if you wanted a government job in these states, you had to pay up. But now firefighters, teachers and other public employees won't have to fork over a penny to a union if they choose not to join. For the average worker who opts out, it will mean hundreds of dollars more in take-home pay a year.

More in workers' pockets, less in union coffers. Nationwide, unions are expected to forfeit hundreds of millions of dollars when nonmembers stop paying and some members quit to save money, too.

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Midterm turnout surges for both parties

A surge in voter enthusiasm has prompted millions more Democrats to cast ballots in primary elections this year, a turnout explosion ahead of midterms..

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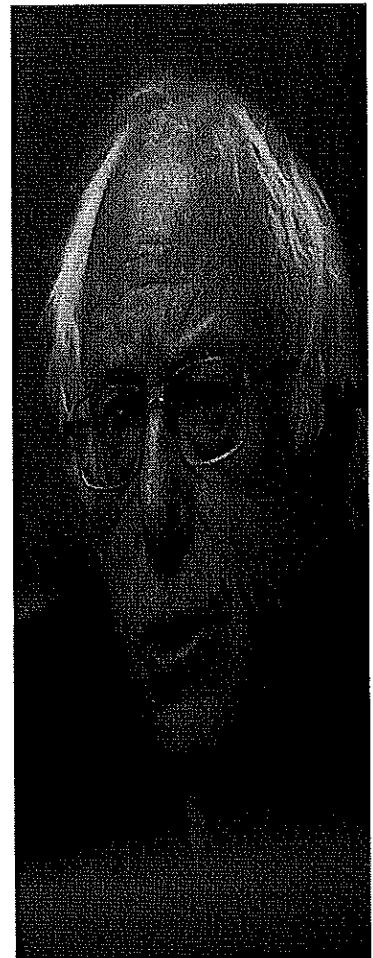
The Democrats Are Done Pretending to Be Moderate

They think they're unpopular because they aren't left-wing enough.

The Democratic love of socialism was for many years the love that dared not speak its name. No more. Now the party is figuratively jumping on Oprah's couch shouting its love of socialism. You'd have to plug your ears not to hear it.

Socialist Bernie Sanders is unquestionably the spiritual leader of the Democratic party, which is radicalizing itself in his image, and on the strength of her blowout Democratic-primary win over liberal incumbent Joe Crowley in the party-ruled NY-14 congressional district, soon-to-be-congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is now one of the most prominent faces in the Democratic party. A poll last fall put support for socialism at 44 percent among Millennials, and even more disturbingly, 23 percent of this group agreed that Joseph Stalin is a "hero." Socialized medicine, i.e., Medicare for all, is the hottest issue on the Left (unless you count hating Trump as an "issue").

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After Its Hard Left Turn, Will Democratic Party Officially Admit It's Socialist?

Progressives: The shocking primary victory of 28-year-old socialist Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez over Congress' No. 4, Democrat Joe Crowley, underscores what we have long noted: The Democratic Party is no longer a party of moderation, but a party of the extreme left. And it's moving ever faster and farther leftward with each election cycle.

The 57%-42% drubbing of Crowley looks like the death knell not just for his political career, but for that of his mentor House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi. Crowley, after all, was the hand-picked successor to Pelosi. He had outraised his far younger opponent by 10-to-1.

Ocasio-Cortez isn't a make-believe socialist; she belongs to the Democratic Socialists of America. And she had the backing of Bernie Sanders' "Our Revolution" political group. "Our Revolution"? Do they want a civil war? It's a real concern. A new Rasmussen poll shows 31% of Americans think a civil war is likely soon, while 59% fear violence from Trump haters.

That's scary.

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Early FBI contacts with Trump campaign officials analyzed; 'Efforts to manufacture evidence'

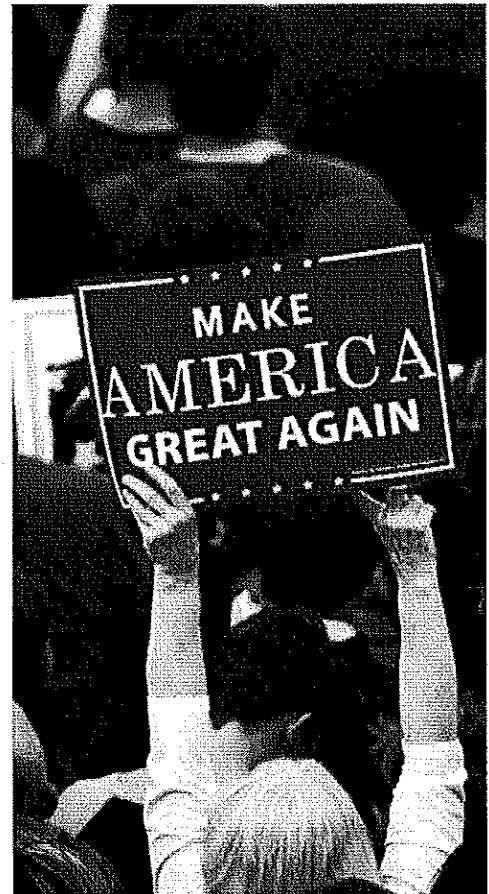
Lee Smith at Real Clear Investigations has a lengthy analysis of the early contacts with Trump campaign official prior to the official launch of the FBI's counterintelligence probe known as "Crossfire Hurricane."

How extensive the FBI or other US intelligence/law enforcement agencies' contacts with Trump campaign advisers were prior to the July 31, 2016 start date for the official investigation has been a great mystery for journalists and congressmen willing to ask.

Congressman Devin Nunes, the Chairman of the House Intelligence Committee has been trying to get to the bottom of these contacts and the exact origin of the FBI probe for several months and has still been met with stonewalling from the Justice Department.

Smith has detailed as many as seven contacts with Trump campaign figures that have been made public:

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Days of Rage: There is no limiting principle on leftist fury.

American politics is taking a dangerous turn. Or, I should say, American politics is taking a dangerous turn again. In the space of a few days last week, leftist protesters individually targeted trump aide Stephen Miller, taunted Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen in a restaurant and at her home, mocked (and allegedly spat at) Florida attorney general Pam Bondi at a movie theater, and denied service to Trump press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders at a restaurant in Lexington, Va.

Make no mistake, this is provocative rhetoric. Angry, in-your-face confrontations dramatically increase the chances of violence. Put people in close proximity, yelling and spitting, and public officials will rightly start to fear that they're in physical danger. While millions of Americans don't remember that a Bernie Sanders supporter last year tried to assassinate a significant portion of the GOP Congress, you can be assured that not a single Republican in Washington has forgotten. They can never be sure that the screaming person in front of them doesn't mean them physical harm.

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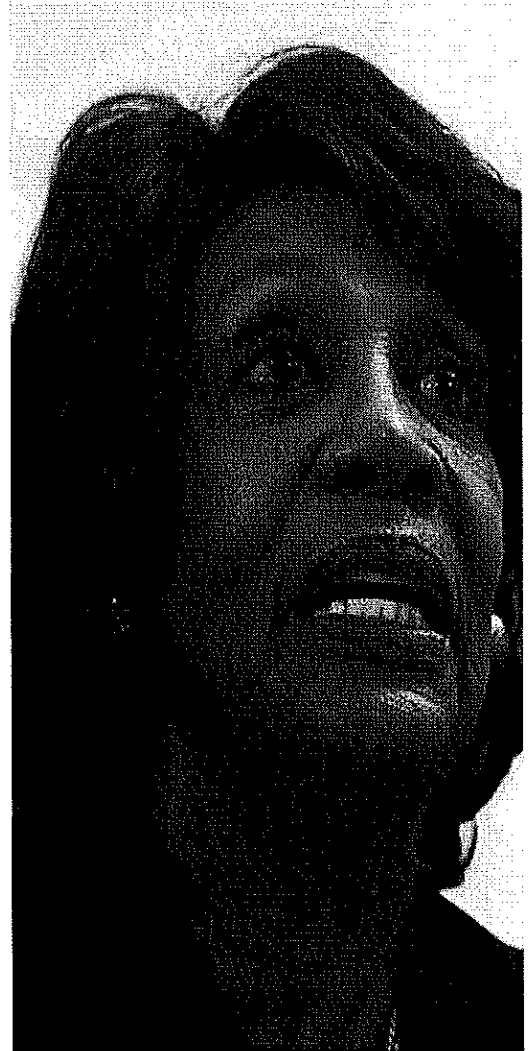
Maxine Waters advances a liberal strategy with her call for mob action

With the appalling news of the past few weeks of mobs attempting to harass and intimidate President Trump's female Cabinet members and staff, the inclination is to believe that this remarkable behavior, so antithetical to American values, is the result of a lack of leadership in the Democratic Party.

Yet, the organized nature of the attacks, combined with liberal political and legacy media rhetoric, makes clear this is not some sort of organic turn of events. Having come from the left, I can tell you everything liberals do is organized around the principle of personalizing, punishing and polarizing; it's the only thing they know how to do and is a required skill when you can't persuade people on the details of the issues and have no actual policy solutions.

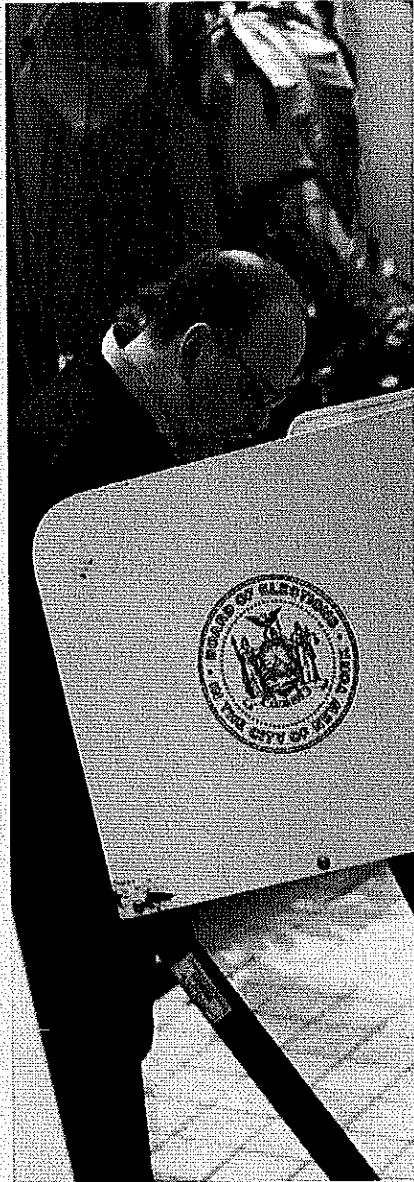
While some were calling for an end to this classically fascist behavior, Rep. Maxine Waters, California Democrat, decided more mob action would be good. Ms. Waters spoke to a group in Los Angeles and did not call for an end to the menacing; instead, she encouraged it.

Real Clear Politics reported, "She said cabinet members and highly visible Trump enablers should expect harassment at restaurants, gas stations, shopping places, and even their homes, 'Already you have members of your cabinet that are being booed out of restaurants. We have protesters taking up at their house who are



saying, 'No peace, no sleep. No peace, no sleep ...? 9 Waters finished with a call to action: 'If you see anybody from that cabinet in a restaurant, in a department store, at a gasoline station, you get out and you create a crowd. You push back on them. Tell them they= 2re not welcome anymore, anywhere!' "

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Crazy Left Wins a Big One! Crowley stunner tops huge night for left

Veteran Rep. Joe Crowley's (D-N.Y.) stunning defeat on Tuesday night rocked the political world, as progressive candidates stormed to victory in primaries held across the country. Crowley, the chairman of the House Democratic caucus who was seen as a potential future speaker, lost in a massive upset to progressive challenger Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a 28-year-old organizer for Sen. Bernie Sanders's (I-Vt.) presidential campaign.

Other liberal candidates won primary challenges in top House and gubernatorial races. Former NAACP President Ben Jealous, who was endorsed by Sanders, won the Democratic primary in Maryland's governor race. And activist Dana Balter won her House primary in upstate New York.

Those victories illustrate that voters have an appetite to buck the political establishment, as progressives seek to move the Democratic Party farther to the left.

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The Left Tries To Blame Trump For Their Own Hate Mongering

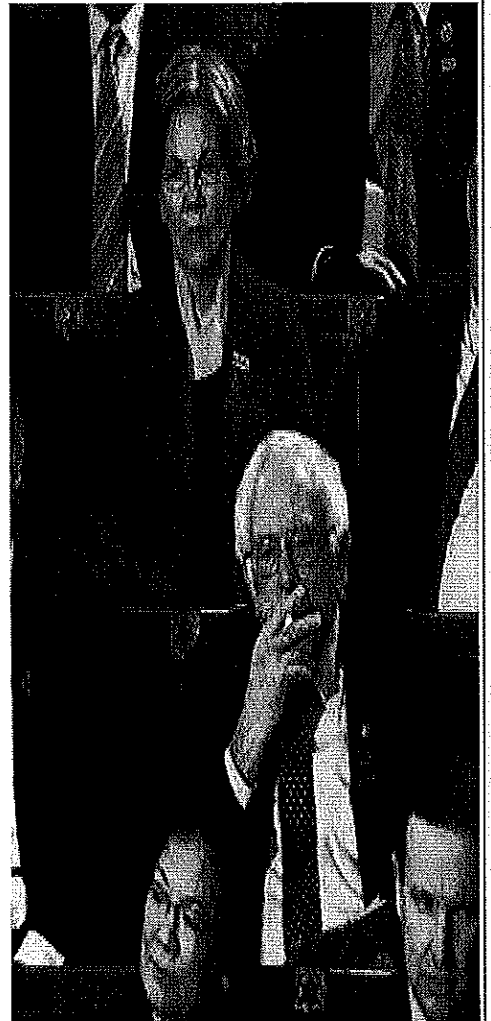
Civil Society: When not worrying that its increasingly hostile anti-Trump antics might backfire on Democrats, the left is busy blaming President Trump's own incivility for the ferocity of their attacks. But this is exactly how the left treats all conservatives, rough-hewn or not.

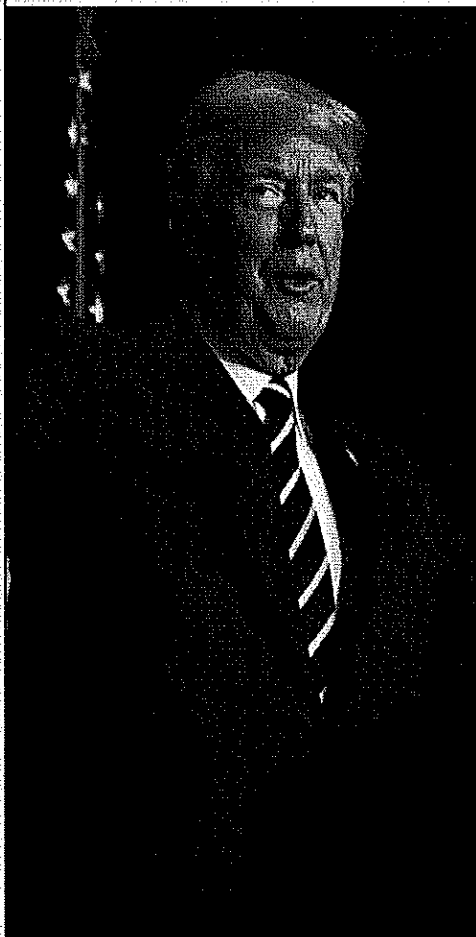
After a week in which a celebrity called for the abduction of the president's young son, a restaurant kicked out Trump's spokesman, and a mob harassed the Homeland Security secretary, Democrats are starting to wonder if their "resistance" is getting out of hand — while refusing to take any blame for it.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi managed to perfectly encapsulate this when she said "Trump's daily lack of civility has provoked responses that are predictable but unacceptable."

The blame-Trump-first meme has been catching on fast.

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As days pass, will Trump waste another chance to build the wall?

Building a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border was Donald Trump's premier campaign promise, and he is running out of chances to keep it.

Trump has been president for nearly a year and a half, and has not yet won anywhere near the funding needed to build the wall along the 1,000 or so miles of border that he pledged to voters. Now, there are two Republican immigration bills in the House, each of which would provide around \$25 billion for the wall, and Trump has blown them both off, saying he'd rather try again after November's midterm elections.

"Republicans should stop wasting their time on immigration until after we elect more Senators and Congressmen/women in November," Trump tweeted Friday. "Dems are just playing games, have no intention of doing anything to solve this decades old problem. We can pass great legislation after the Red Wave!"

Now, it is entirely possible Republicans will keep control of the House and Senate. It's also possible they will lose. But does anyone believe the GOP will gain enough seats to pass difficult legislation without somehow settling their internal disputes? Unlikely.

And of course Democrats are playing games with immigration. They still will be after the election, no matter what happens.

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Even Europe is Securing Their Borders...EU leaders reach migration deal after marathon talks in Brussels

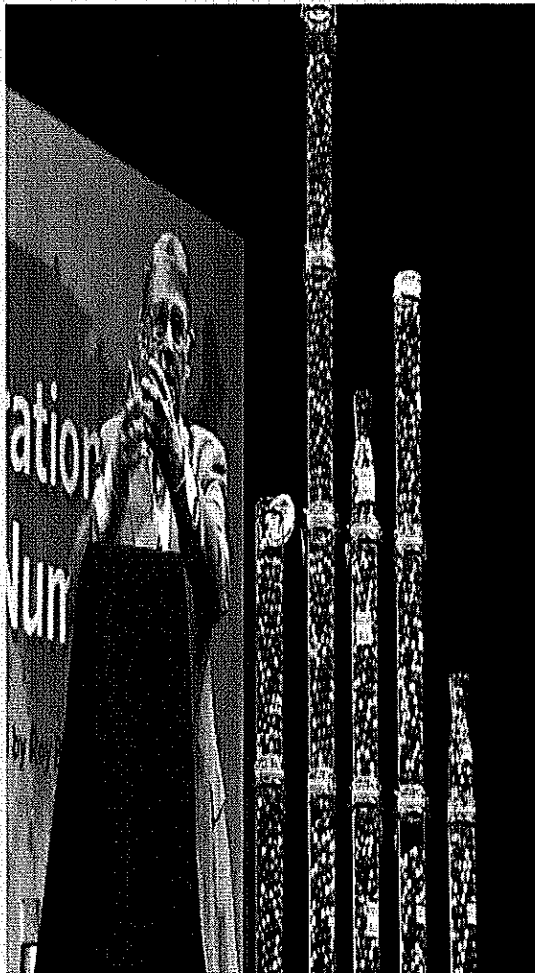
European Union leaders reached a breakthrough deal on migration after all-night talks in Brussels, European Council President Donald Tusk announced on Friday.

The agreement has been billed as "make or break" for German Chancellor Angela Merkel's future in office amid a dispute with her hardline Interior Minister Horst Seehofer.

Read what's happened so far:

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Worth Remembering and Keeping In Mind: Saul Alinsky's 13 Tried-and-True Rules for Creating Meaningful Social Change

Saul David Alinsky died 36 years before the election of Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton's first attempt for the presidency. But many feverish screeds on social media, talk radio, and YouTube might have made one think he lurked behind these politicians like Rasputin. Spoken of by many on the right as a servant of the devil, "American Joseph Goebbels," and "dangerous harbinger of insurrection," Alinsky developed a reputation for insidiousness that may exceed his influence, considerable though it may be.

But liberals and leftists have no special purchase on Alinsky's legacy. As one thoughtful, eloquent pundit recently wrote, "the Right has taken Saul Alinsky's Rules for Radicals and shoved it up where #TheResistance don't shine." Not long before this charming appropriation, Alinsky's 1971 manual of political warfare found its way into the hands of some of the same Tea Party organizers who had made his name synonymous with everything they despised about the left. (See Alinsky court his Luciferian comparisons in the 1966 interview above.)



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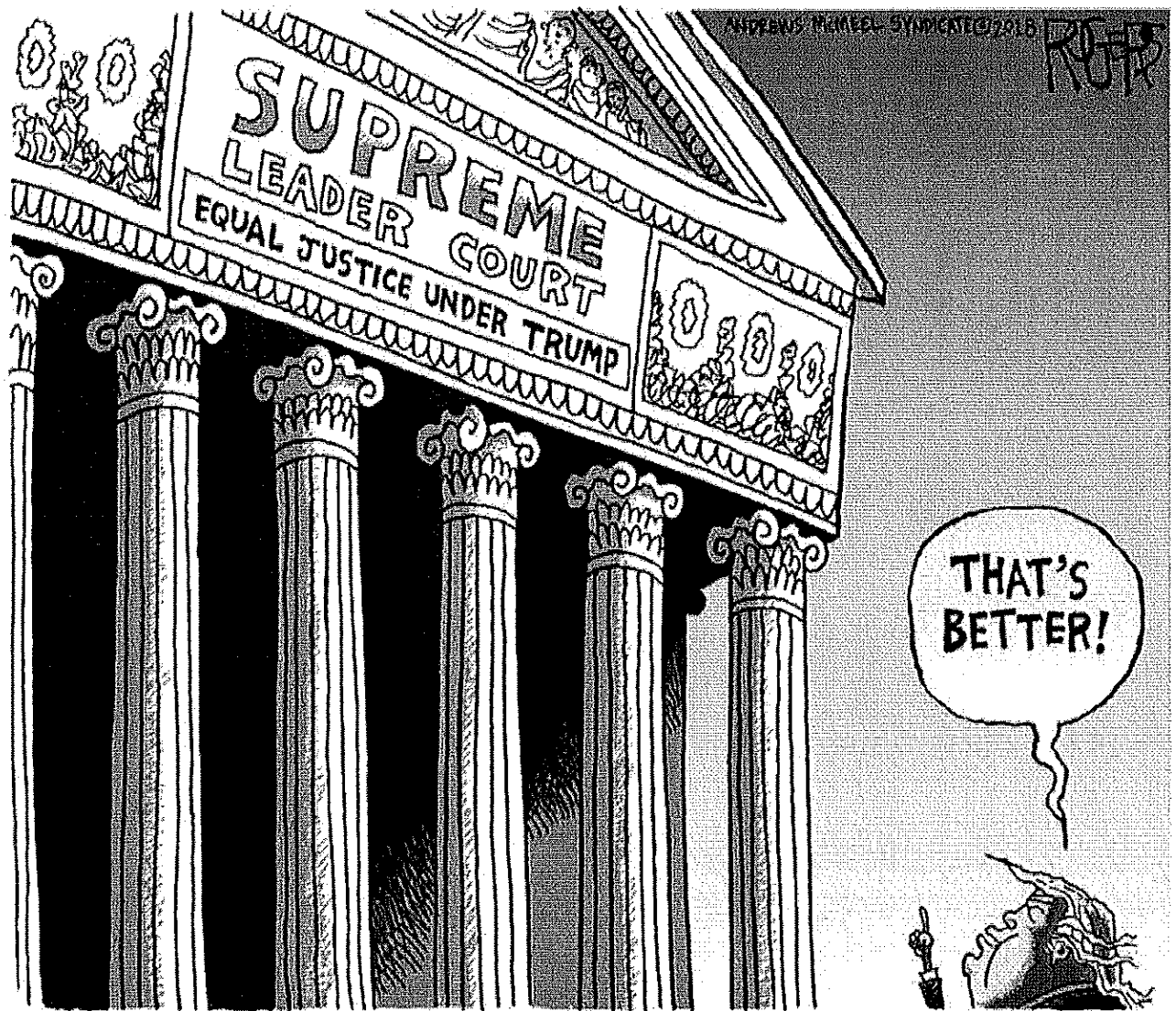
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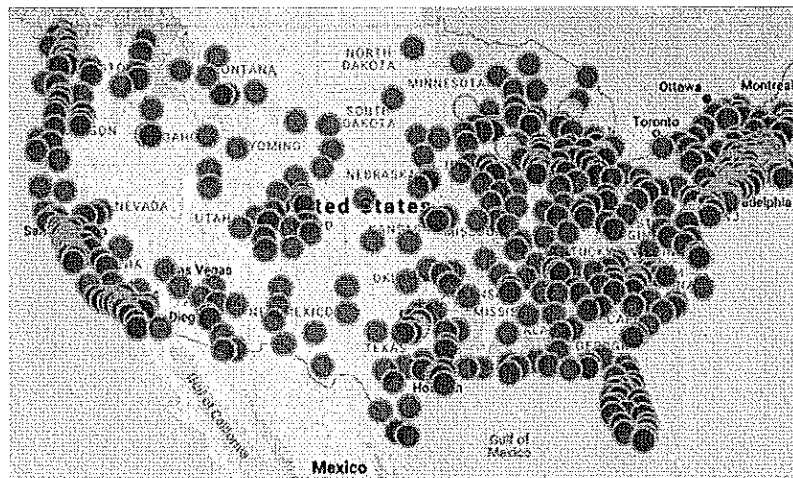
From: Anna, Ben, Karine, Corinne, and the rest of the team, MoveOn Civic Action
Subject: What happened today

After weeks of heartbreaking images, here are some beautiful rays of hope:



In Washington, D.C., today, 35,000 demonstrators braved 96-degree temperatures to march on the White House and send a crystal-clear message: Families Belong Together. There were 30,000 participants in New York, 60,000 in Chicago, more than 70,000 in Los Angeles, and huge turnouts from Orlando, Florida, to Austin, Texas, to Boise, Idaho (which is one of the pictures above!). We were everywhere.

Here's the eye-popping map of all the protests, one dot per demonstration, spanning all 50 states, as hundreds of thousands of us gathered in cities from Antler, North Dakota, to Lake Worth, Florida:



More than 750 cities. One message. This is what it looks like when a nation speaks with one voice.

The past few weeks have been excruciating. We've learned about unspeakable abuses being perpetrated in our name. And at the same time, the Supreme Court upheld the Muslim Ban, which keeps yet more families separated. A Supreme Court retirement means fundamental rights for women and the LGBTQ+ community—among others are now on the line for a generation.

And for the thousands of parents and children in cages, not knowing if they'd ever see their family members again, it was, and remains, infinitely worse.

But today was a ray of hope.

It was a reminder that, for all the chaos and cruelty of those in power, a massive and growing movement exists in every corner of the nation that still believes in fundamental decency. It was a reminder that—at the ultimate wellspring of power in the American political system—the core values of we, the people blaze, undiminished, indivisible.

The horror that so many of us feel about the devastating policies of our government won't go away due to a march. But we are here, we are ready to fight, and we won't go away. This administration hopes to crush our will to resist. Today, we made clear that they will fail.

In the days ahead, we'll be sharing more actions we, together, can take next to build upon this momentum, end these terrorizing and traumatizing policies, hold abusers accountable, and reunite families. Our movement needs to:

- **Keep up the heat on decision-makers everywhere.** We'll organize more in-person actions to create pressure to reunite families, close family prisons, and end indefinite detention—working with Indivisible, the National Domestic Workers Alliance, and other organizations.
- **Hold corporations accountable** for profiting off this system—companies such as Wells Fargo must be held accountable for their role in funding family separation infrastructure.
- **Rein in the excesses of the brutal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers** who are terrorizing communities and tearing apart families across the country.

And we need to make sure everyone who is eligible registers to vote—a critical way to get involved with all the issues that matter to all our communities and families.

More on all of that soon. Watch your email for opportunities to take action, or join MoveOn's SMS list to get text messages with alerts about clear, impactful actions by texting FAMILY to 668366.

We decided to throw down on this national day of action less than two weeks ago. Our close partner, Rep. Pramila Jayapal, first publicly announced it on Chris Hayes's television show, the next day. In response, communities everywhere—including longtime immigrant leaders who've been at this for years and decades, along with newcomers to action for immigrant rights—have organized one of the biggest protests of the Trump era.

All together, more than 180 partner organizations came together to pull this off, including MoveOn, the National Domestic Workers Alliance, the Leadership Conference for Civil and Human Rights, the ACLU, faith groups such as Sojourners and the Presbyterian Church, Avaaz, the Southern Poverty Law Center, and a range of labor unions, the YWCA, scores more tremendous allies and partners, and countless local groups in cities large and small, united across lines of ethnicity, race, national origin, and language.

When you feel alone, when it's all too much, remember that what is possible when we come together. That there is power in our numbers.

In the decades to come, people will ask themselves and each other what they did to fight the darkness at this moment in history.

Today, millions of us summoned a piece of an answer. We were in the streets. And we won't stop until we turn the darkness back.

P.S. We'll be sharing more photos and videos on social media throughout the days ahead. If you have any, email them to photos@moveon.org or post them on Facebook or Twitter and tag @MoveOn with the hashtag #FamiliesBelongTogether. Here are a few more images from around the country today= 2including Representative Pramila Jayapal and Lin-Manuel Miranda, Ai-jen Poo, Vanita Gupta, and me at the head of the march from the D.C. rally to the Department of Justice.



Want to support MoveOn's work? We didn't budget for today's million-dollar national protest against children being torn away from their parents on our border, in our name. And, as Elizabeth Warren said in an email to MoveOn members this past week, it feels like "the world is on fire." We still must continue fighting to keep families together AND throw down with partners on an emergency campaign to help save the Supreme Court from a full-on right-wing takeover in light of Justice Kennedy's departure—AND make sure that we don't have to make cuts to our other critical work. To do it, we need your ongoing support, now more than ever. **Will you stand with us?** [Donate monthly](#) or [make a one-time gift](#)

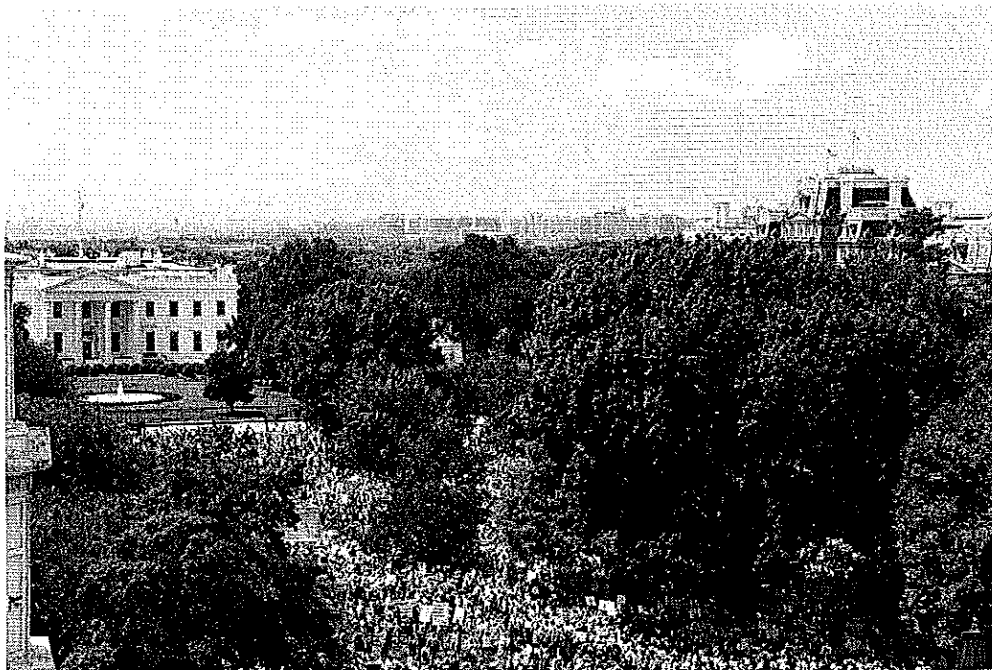
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From: Victoria, Shari, Karthik, Scott, and the rest of the team, MoveOn Political Action

Subject: Next steps (RSVP for Monday's call with Rep. Jayapal and Karine Jean-Pierre?)

Yesterday, I stood in 90+ degree heat with tens of thousands of people, young and old, at Washington, D.C.'s Families Belong Together rally and march. Today, I'm reading some of the hundreds of front-page news stories, scanning thousands of photos, sitting with my emotions, and strategizing. After a week of some terrible political news, the passion and commitment of yesterday's protests—more than 750 events in every corner of the country and across the globe—lifted my spirits. I know that we have the public and the momentum on our side.

Tomorrow, I'm hosting a mass call with Representative Pramila Jayapal, one of the key architects of Saturday's rallies and marches, MoveOn national spokesperson Karine Jean-Pierre, and young MoveOn member Marwa E. to unveil MoveOn's 2018 Resist & Win grassroots volunteer election organizing program, and I hope you'll join us. [Click here to RSVP now for the web-streamed call tomorrow, Monday, July 2 at 8:30 p.m. ET \(7:30 CT/6:30 MT/5:30 PT\).](#)



Now is the time to take inspiration from yesterday's incredible outpouring of solidarity, outrage, and compassion -- and make lasting political impact by voting out the people who are creating and enabling relentless attacks on immigrants and on the soul of our nation, and the rest of Trump's and the GOP's disastrous agenda.

Here are three next steps I invite you to take this week:

- **Join the What's Next? March to the Voting Booth call tomorrow, Monday, July 2 at 8:30 p.m. ET (7:30 CT/6:30 MT/5:30 PT)** to learn about MoveOn's Resist & Win 2018 election program. Together, we will work to end Republican control of the House and vote out politicians who are enabling family separation and detention and other attacks on our communities and democracy. **RSVP here for Monday's web-streamed live video call with Rep. Pramila Jayapal, Karine Jean-Pierre, and inspiring student activist and MoveOn member Marwa E.**
- **Apply to be a MoveOn 2018 Resist & Win Leader.** You'll help mobilize fellow MoveOn members and allies in one of 100 priority congressional districts. You'll get training, support, and the platform to lead local efforts that will help us end GOP control of Congress. Applications are due this Thursday, July 5, at 11:59 p.m. local time, so don't wait to apply. We especially encourage young people, students, people of color, immigrants, and LGBTQ people to apply to this multi-racial, inter-generational organizing program. **Click here to submit your application now.**
- **Order your free sticker to display in your community of a design that was seen at marches across the country.** The image by Pablo Stanley, an immigrant artist, can serve as an ongoing reminder of our shared values. Imagine members of Congress, when home in their districts, unable to get across town without seeing this tangible reminder of how many of us are fighting alongside immigrant families. We printed a batch of these stickers and are giving them away for FREE until we run out of stock. **Just click here to order yours.** (You can see a picture of this image projected onto the side of the Newseum, which MoveOn Civic Action and partners arranged on the eve of the Family Belong Together actions, below.)



There's no sugar-coating this. We have our work cut out for us.

But I know we are turning the tide in this fight—and as so many people chanted together yesterday, "We won't turn back."

P.S. Here are just three of the hundreds, perhaps thousands of media stories about what people like YOU made possible yesterday:

- ["Family Separation Protests Shift the Narrative"](#)
The Atlantic, June 30, 2018
- ["Protesters flood US cities to fight Trump immigration policy"](#)
Associated Press, July 1, 2018
- ["In 50 states, hundreds of thousands protest immigration policy, with focus on midterms"](#)
USA Today, June 30, 2018

RSVP here to join Rep. Pramila Jayapal and Karine Jean-Pierre Monday night, and click here to apply to become a MoveOn 2018 Resist & Win Leader.

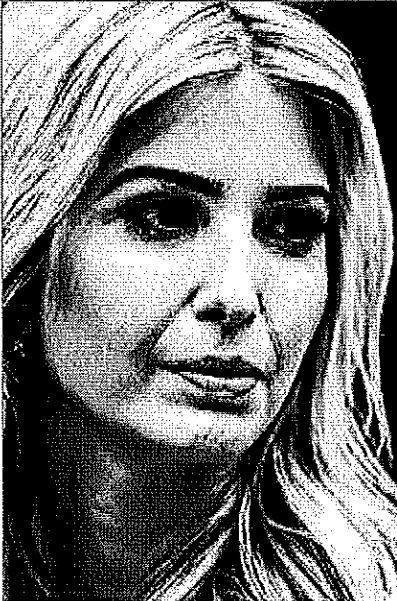
Want to support MoveOn's work? Senator Jeff Merkley says: "MoveOn has been fighting Donald Trump's horrific anti-immigrant policies every day since he took office, and they will continue to fight every day until a new Congress—and a new president—put a stop to these policies once and for all. If you believe that separating

children from their families is wrong—and that it's got to stop—then will you chip in monthly, so that MoveOn can campaign against this moral outrage and build the political power to stop this and other horrific policies?" **Chip in now:** Donate monthly or make a one-time gift

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From: NPR Bombshell via FightforReform.org
Subject: Ivanka Trump did something WILDLY unethical

BREAKING ON NPR: Ivanka Trump made \$82 MILLION in outside income last year while working at the White House.



Trump resign from the White House?

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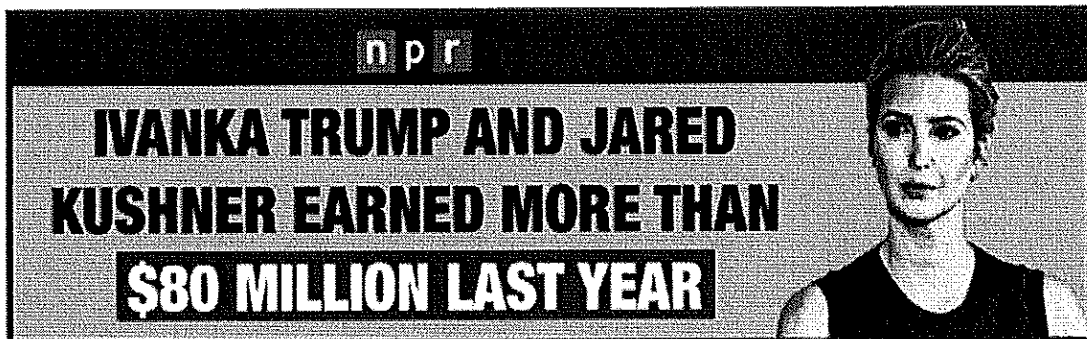
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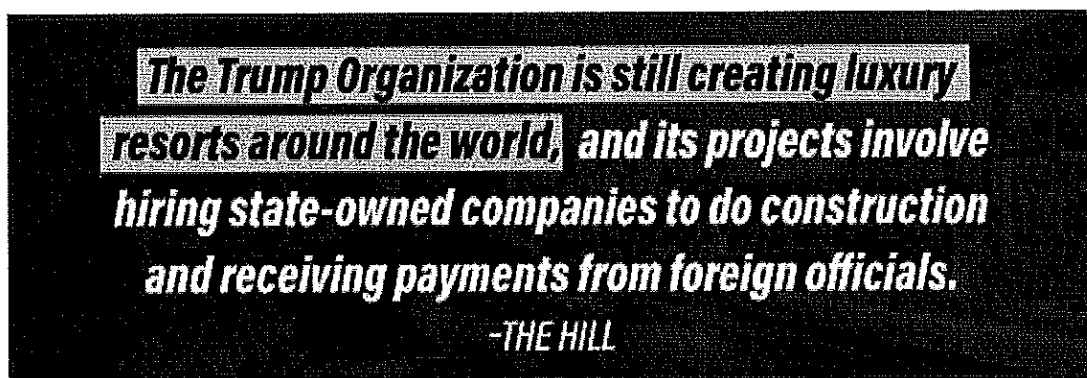
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This NPR report just EXPOSED Ivanka Trump:



Here's the simple truth: Ivanka is advising on government decisions while she's STILL entangled in the family's businesses.

And some of those businesses have foreign connections:



It's shady. It's unethical. And it's potentially illegal!

We think Ivanka Trump should resign her position in the White House immediately!
But we need to hear from members like you now:

Should Ivanka Trump RESIGN?

YES: Ivanka Should Resign >>

NO >>

From: CLG_News

Subject: Supreme Court deals major blow to public sector unions; Justice Kennedy to retire

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Justice Anthony Kennedy to Retire From Supreme Court | 27 June 2018 | Justice Anthony M. Kennedy announced on Wednesday that he would retire, setting the stage for a furious fight over the future direction of the Supreme Court. Justice Kennedy, 81, has long been the decisive vote in many closely divided cases. His retirement gives President Trump the opportunity to fundamentally change the course of the Supreme Court. A Trump appointee would very likely create a solid five-member conservative majority that could imperil abortion rights and expand gun rights...Justice Kennedy wrote the majority opinion in Citizens United, which allowed unlimited campaign spending by corporations and unions [aka Deep State], and he joined the majority in Bush v. Gore, which handed the 2000 presidential election [aka coup d'etat] to George W. Bush.

Trump begins Supreme Court search to replace Anthony Kennedy | 28 June 2018 | US President Donald Trump has said the search for a replacement for retiring Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy will "begin immediately". "We have to pick one that's going to be there for 40 years, 45 years," Mr Trump said at a rally in North Dakota. The retirement of Mr Kennedy, a conservative who sided with liberals on many votes, gives Mr Trump the chance to shift the balance of the top court further to the right for decades to come. The judge, 81, will retire on 31 July.

Chris Matthews: Dems Should Boycott Trump Court Nominee | 27 June 2018 | MSNBC's Chris Matthews called on Democrats to obstruct the nomination of Justice Anthony Kennedy's replacement to the Supreme Court Wednesday, minutes after Kennedy announced his retirement. "I don't think the Democrats should allow even meetings to occur for Trump's nominee to fill this vacancy by Justice Kennedy," Matthews said on MSNBC's Hardball. "I think they have to fight eye for an eye for what happened in '16, where the Republicans led by Mitch McConnell refused to even consider or meet with Merrick Garland. I think if the Democratic leadership under Schumer allows this to go forward, they're going to have a huge problem with the Democratic base."

Supreme Court deals major blow to public sector unions | 27 June 2018 | The Supreme Court dealt a major blow to public sector unions on Wednesday in a case that could shake their financial structure and undermine their future stability. The

justices struck down an Illinois law that required non-union workers to pay fees that go to collective bargaining and overturned a 1977 law that required employees to pay so-called "fair share" fees. The ruling was 5-4 along familiar ideological lines...Wednesday is the second time in recent weeks where a 5-4 court has infuriated advocates for workers' rights. The court ruled in May that employers could require employees to sign class action waivers in employment arbitration agreements that bar them from banding together to fight legal disputes.

Supreme Court rules non-union workers cannot be forced to pay fees to public sector unions --Experts said that a holding in favor of Janus would be the most significant court decision affecting collective bargaining rights in decades. | 27 June 2018 | The Supreme Court ruled 5-4 Wednesday that non-union workers cannot be forced to pay fees to public sector unions. The case, one of the most hotly anticipated of the term, concerned whether public employees can be forced to pay fees that fund the work of public sector unions. Mark Janus, an employee at the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Human Services, asked the court last summer to overrule a 40-year-old Supreme Court decision. It found that public sector unions could require employees affected by their negotiations to pay so-called "agency fees," which have also been called "fair share fees."

Supreme Court upholds travel ban, handing Trump major victory | 26 June 2018 | The Supreme Court handed President Trump a major victory on Tuesday, upholding his ban preventing nationals from five Muslim-majority countries from entering the United States. In a 5-4 ruling, the court's conservative wing said Trump has broad discretion under immigration law to suspend the entry of people into the United States. "The president lawfully exercised that discretion based on his findings -- following a worldwide, multi-agency review -- that entry of the covered aliens would be detrimental to the national interest," Chief Justice John Roberts wrote in the opinion.

Supreme Court rules for Texas in redistricting case | 25 June 2018 | The Supreme Court on Monday largely ruled in favor of Texas, reviving congressional and legislative districts that were struck down by a lower court for diluting the votes of black and Hispanic voters. In a 5-4 decision, the justices said there isn't enough evidence to prove that state Republicans acted in bad faith and engaged in intentional discrimination when it adopted new maps in 2013 for two congressional districts and several legislative districts. But the court said the lower court was correct in ruling that one legislative district was a racial gerrymander.

Supreme Court rules law enforcement needs warrant to search cellphone data | 22 June 2018 | The Supreme Court ruled Friday that law enforcement in most cases has to obtain a warrant in order to search and seize long-term cell phone records that

would show a person's location. In a 5-4 ruling, the court held that the Fourth Amendment's protections against an unreasonable search protects people from having the government acquire their cell-site records from wireless providers in run-of-the-mill criminal investigations. Chief Justice John Roberts sided with the court's four liberal justices, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan, to make up the majority. Justice Anthony Kennedy dissented along with conservative Justices Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito and Neil Gorsuch.

White House, Kremlin agree on time and place for Trump-Putin summit | 27

June 2018 | The White House and the Kremlin have agreed on a time and place for a summit meeting between President Trump and Vladimir Putin, a Russian official said Wednesday after talks here between the Russian president and national security adviser John Bolton. The details of the much-anticipated meeting will be announced Thursday, the official, Kremlin foreign policy adviser Yuri Ushakov, told reporters. The meeting is expected to take place in mid-July, when Trump will be in Europe for previously scheduled visits to Belgium and Britain..."Your visit here to Moscow inspires hope that we will be able to take first steps to restore full-fledged relations between Russia and the United States," Putin said.

US military indefinitely suspends two training exercises with South Korea | 22

June 2018 | The Pentagon announced Friday that the U.S. would indefinitely suspend two training exercises with South Korea as part of the Trump administration's push to negotiate for the removal of North Korea's nuclear arsenal. Pentagon chief spokeswoman Dana White said that the decision reached by Defense Secretary James Mattis and national security adviser John Bolton would be contingent on future "good faith" negotiations and developments with North Korea and Kim Jong Un's government.

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From: Monique Teal, Daily Kos

Subject: Add your name: No Supreme Court confirmations for Trump while he is under criminal investigation

Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy's retirement could upend the rule of law and put our democratic institutions at even higher risk.

Donald Trump is a subject of a criminal investigation over collusion with Russia in the 2016 election. Key questions in this investigation could very likely end up before the Supreme Court – and decided by a new Trump appointee.

Sign and send a petition to your U.S. senators: No Supreme Court confirmations for Donald Trump while he is under criminal investigation

SIGN AND SEND A PETITION

Trump and his Republican bootlickers have been working overtime to derail Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation. They have levied claims that the investigation is unconstitutional, that he can pardon himself, and that he is allowed to obstruct justice with total impunity. **One or more of these arguments will almost certainly reach the Supreme Court.**

Also of concern is Trump's record of demanding personal loyalty from those he appoints to key positions. He has already done so to Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein and Attorney General Jeff Sessions in order to curb Russia investigation.

His incessant demands for loyalty from officials in his administration and Republicans in Congress make it reasonable to surmise that Trump would levy a similar demand from a Supreme Court Justice nominee – especially considering they may be a crucial vote in any legal action impacting the Russia probe.

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When Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch was nominated, the Russia investigation wasn't public knowledge. Trump hadn't spent more than a year railing against it and attempting to strongarm officials in his administration and Congress into ending it. But now, **Trump's own actions have created the appearance of conflict for any nominee, all of whom would now look as if they are another part of Trump's attack on the rule of law.**

There is so much on the line in addition to the Russia investigation: The right to privacy -- including abortion rights and surveillance of U.S. citizens. Health care.

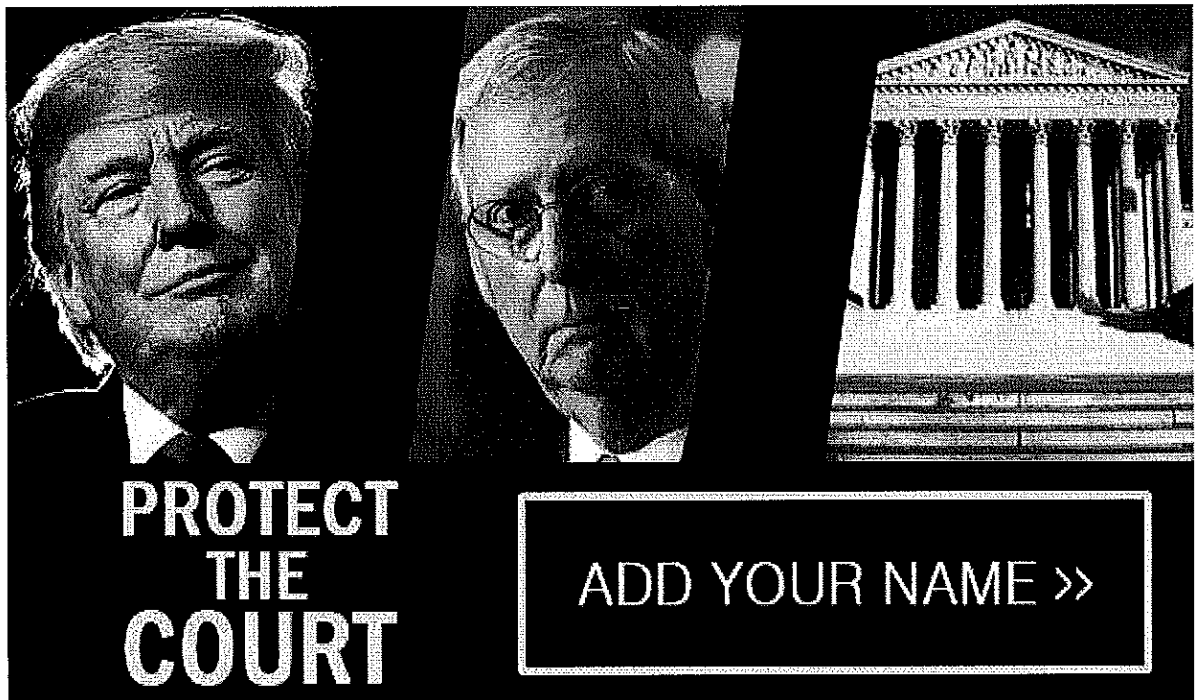
Religious liberty for all. Voting rights. Immigrants' rights. LGBTQ rights. The Supreme Court is the last check on Trump's excesses. **Let's make sure the next justice is free of any semblance of bias by postponing the confirmation until the investigation is complete.**

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SIGN AND SEND A PETITION

From: Ben Betz; Digital Advocacy Director, People For the American Way
Subject: Remember Merrick Garland? Tell the Senate NO VOTE on SCOTUS nominee!

NO VOTE on a new Supreme Court nominee until AFTER the election and AFTER the new Congress is seated in January!



The retirement of Justice Anthony Kennedy -- the Supreme Court's last "swing vote" on critical issues like choice and LGBTQ equality -- gives Donald Trump the chance to drastically reshape the Court for a generation.

But Mitch McConnell set a *new standard* by blocking Senate action on President Obama's Supreme Court nominee Merrick Garland until after the 2016 election. Now, especially with all that's at stake, the Senate should be fair and consistent and hold to that standard.

There should be NO hearing or vote on any new Supreme Court nominee until after the midterm elections and after the new Congress is seated in January!
Sign if you agree>>

Unlike President Obama, Trump is a scandal-plagued president who won his election under a cloud of foreign interference on his behalf, and he has shown an inclination to go with the most extreme policies and nominees at every turn. **The American people deserve a chance to speak via the democratic process before any new Supreme Court nominee is considered.**

McConnell is already saying he wants a vote on whoever Trump nominates by the fall.

US SENATORS: There should be NO hearing or vote on a new Supreme Court nominee until after the midterm elections and after the new Congress is seated in January!
Add My Name>>

This is a pivotal moment for our democracy.

We've seen a Supreme Court seat **STOLEN (by Mitch McConnell)... An election **STOLEN** (by Trump and the Russians)...**

Now, everything we care about is on the line -- because what the Supreme Court does touches *every* issue and *every* community.

A growing number of Democratic senators, including Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, are already calling for a delay in considering any new Trump nominee until after the election.

All senators -- especially Republicans and especially the leadership -- need to hear a massive groundswell of Americans calling for the same.

Add your name immediately to demand that any new Supreme Court nominee not be considered until after the election year>>

Right now, Trump has a "short list" of 25 potential nominees who are -- every single of them -- extreme and unacceptable.

The list is made up of unqualified, narrow-minded elitists who have passed Trump's rigid litmus test of being anti-choice and anti-health care -- that is, they would be reliable votes to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and strike down the Affordable Care Act.

Not a single nominee on that list deserves to be considered or confirmed on their own merits, and if Trump nominates someone from that list, you can bet your ass that we're going to FIGHT tooth-and-nail to keep them off of our Supreme Court.

All the more reason why senators should hold off on considering any new nominee until after the newly elected Congress is seated next year.

Make sure they hear it from you and they know how much you care about this.

Sign the petition now>>

From: Thomas Scott
Subject: Issues in Healthcare

- Unlocked And Loaded: Families Confront Dementia And Guns
- Why some employers are turning to progressive health benefits

From: Andrew Tierman
Subject: Trump appointee guts UN document on racism, says leaders don't have duty to condemn hate speech

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/06/29/politics/veprek-state-dept-un-racism/index.html>

Trump admin protests against UN language calling racism inconsistent with

democracy and calling for leaders to condemn racism, nationalism, and xenophobia, in true fascist form...bringing the US closer to the practices of fascism. All Americans need to . . .

From: Progressive Caucus
Subject: Trump administration JAILING immigrants:

Progressive Caucus Members Announce Bill to ABOLISH ICE!

Under Trump, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has ripped families apart, thrown children in cages, and imprisoned refugees.

Its continued existence is a stain on our Democracy. So Progressive Caucus Co-Chair Mark Pocan just announced that he will be introducing a bill to ABOLISH it!

But to make his proposal a reality, we need 20,000 supporters to co-sign the bill to ABOLISH ICE:

STAND WITH PROGRESSIVES: ABOLISH ICE →

This is SICKENING:



With Trump's backing, ICE has abused their power in order to tear apart families, harass immigrants, and throw people in prisons.

This is monstrous. As Progressives, we have a responsibility to take action.

That's why Congressman Mark Pocan is introducing a bill to ABOLISH ICE, and

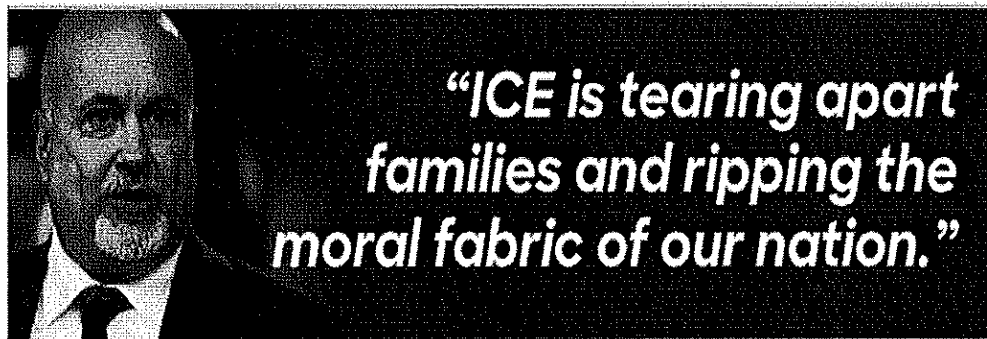
stop its abuses once and for all.

But to pass a bill like this, we need a wave of grassroots support.

So sign your name to co-sign the bill to ABOLISH ICE:

STAND WITH PROGRESSIVES: ABOLISH ICE →

Congressman Pocan recently visited a border detention facility run by ICE, and what he saw was HORRIFIC:



We owe it to immigrant communities throughout America to get RID of this abusive organization.

The stakes are too high not to act.

But in order to get Congressman Pocan's bill passed, we need 30,000 Progressives like you to stand with us.

Sign now to co-sign the Congressional bill to ABOLISH ICE:

SIGN ON: ABOLISH ICE →

From: Alert on MSNBC: Progressive Turnout Project

Subject: Maxine Waters DECLARED WAR against Trump on MSNBC [WE LOVE HER!]

Maxine Waters DECLARED WAR against Donald Trump:



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Thanks to her, we have a real shot at ENDING Trump= 2s Presidency.

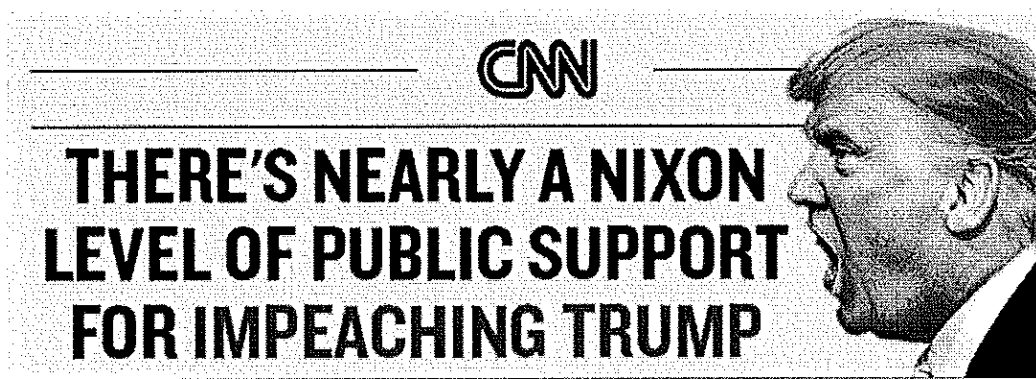
But Trump's launching NASTY attacks against Maxine, so we need 100,000 Progressives to stand with her!

Stand with Maxine: Demand Congress to IMPEACH Trump →

SIGN TO IMPEACH TRUMP →

We are SO sick of Trump covering up for his corrupt family members, defending white supremacists, and breaking the law.

And now, more Americans than ever support impeaching Trump!



Munsup, we need you to stand with Progressives. Will you add your name right now?

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Impeaching Trump won't just happen by itself. Please join us today.

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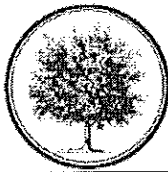
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Sent: Monday, July 2, 2018 12:15 PM
To: Rep48
Subject: ICYMI: Buckeye's Robert Alt Looks at the Impact of Janus in The Columbus Dispatch & The Hill



THE BUCKEYE INSTITUTE

Following last week's Supreme Court ruling in *Janus v. AFSCME*, Robert Alt, president and chief executive officer at The Buckeye Institute, looked at what the ruling means for Ohio's public employees and government unions in *The Columbus Dispatch* (complete piece below).

Alt also had a piece in *The Hill*, where he wrote, "Consent matters. But you don't have to take my word for it -- just ask the Supreme Court of the United States. In *Janus v. AFSCME*, the Court's five-member majority held that the First Amendment protects public-sector employees -- including petitioner Mark Janus -- from being compelled 'to subsidize private speech on matters of substantial public concern' without prior affirmative consent."

Read the full *Hill* piece [here](#).

The Columbus Dispatch

Janus decision protects workers who dissent from union

The Columbus Dispatch

By Robert Alt

July 1, 2018

In *Janus v. American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council 31*, the U.S. Supreme Court decided that public-sector workers must affirmatively consent before any money can be taken from them for union fees.

Since Wednesday's ruling, folks on both sides have unfortunately succumbed to hyperbolic overreaction. The most cursory recollection of our country's founding reminds us that the same idea of consent was integral to empowering the government in the first place. Accordingly, it should surprise precisely no one that the court was concerned with the compulsion aspect of the case's facts.

Plaintiff Mark Janus -- an ordinary child-support specialist at the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services -- objected to paying mandatory union fees as a condition of his employment and lamented, "The union voice is not my voice. The union's fight is not my fight. But a piece of my paycheck every week goes to the union. I am not anti-union... But unions aren't a fit for everyone. And I shouldn't be forced to pay money to a union if I don't think it does a good job representing my interests."

The Supreme Court agreed with Janus that, indeed, consent matters. Common courtesy and basic human decency have always demanded it, but now -- in overruling its own 41-year-old precedent in *Abood v. Detroit Board of Education* -- the court found that the First Amendment requires affirmative consent when it comes to paying union fees, too.

Writing for a five-member majority, Justice Samuel Alito raised the court's objection to public employees being forced to financially support their unions, "even if they choose not to join and strongly object to the positions the union takes." Such an arrangement, Alito concluded, "violates the free speech rights of nonmembers by compelling them to subsidize private speech on matters of substantial public concern."

Unions will continue to serve their consenting members for generations to come -- only now they will do so more effectively, more efficiently and without trampling the constitutional rights of their members.

Any Ohio unions worried that *Janus* and other subsequent right-to-work laws will catalyze the end of unions and union membership can rest easy. Empirical studies and data from right-to-work states, including our neighbors Indiana and Michigan, demonstrate that even after enacting right-to-work laws, union membership not only does not suffer but often increases.

In the first full year after Indiana's right-to-work law took effect, for example, the state added 3,000 new union members. Although union membership initially fell slightly after

Michigan adopted right-to-work rules in 2013, it has since recovered, accounting for 15.6 percent of all wage and salary workers in 2017 -- up from 14.4 percent in 2016 and well above the national average of 10.7 percent.

After *Janus*, the quality of public-sector union representation inevitably will improve. Removing coercion and requiring affirmative consent will incentivize union leaders to be more responsive to the needs and desires of their union members, which will increase the value of union membership by refocusing the union's attention on increasing job satisfaction and working conditions for members.

Happier and better-served union members who have affirmatively consented to their union membership should be our shared end goal across the political spectrum.

Public-sector workers won the long-overdue right to be respected, irrespective of their individual decisions regarding union membership. And, in a nation founded upon the consent of the governed, the standard of consent adopted by the Supreme Court in *Janus* finally gives our hardworking public servants the voice and choice they have always deserved.

Robert Alt is the president and chief executive officer of The Buckeye Institute in Columbus.

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Landmark Labor Decision by United States Supreme Court

By Julie T. Bittner - Partner, West De Moines, IA

In this week's landmark decision, the United States Supreme Court ruled that government workers who choose not to join a union cannot be charged for the cost of collective bargaining. Justice Samuel Alito wrote the majority opinion and the court's conservative justices joined. [View case here.](#)

In *Janus v. American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council 31, et al.*, the Petitioner Mark Janus was an Illinois state employee whose unit is represented by a public-sector union. Mr. Janus refused to join the union because he opposed many of the union's decisions, including those taken in collective bargaining. Employees who declined to join the

union were not assessed full union dues but instead were required to pay an “agency fee” which was a percentage of the union dues (here 78.06% of full union dues).

The employees were not asked and were not required to consent before the fees were deducted. In Illinois, the nonmembers were told that the agency fee covered lobbying, social and recreational activities, advertising, membership meetings and conventions and litigation, as well as other unspecified services that “may ultimately insure to the benefit of the members of the local bargaining unit.” Mr. Janus sued challenging the constitutionality of agency fees. In his case, the fees amounted to about \$535/year.

This week, the Supreme Court held that the State’s extraction of agency fees from nonconsenting public-sector employees violates the First Amendment. In its decision, the Court overturned a 41-year-old decision, *Abood v. Detroit Bd. Of Ed.*, 431 U.S. 209 (1977) and overturns laws in 22 states.

In addition to the historic argument in *Abood* regarding ‘free riders,’ Respondents argued that mandatory agency fees were necessary for unions to bargain with an adequately funded budget and to improve the efficiency of the work force. Respondents argued agency fees are needed to prevent nonmembers from enjoying the benefit of union representation without shouldering the costs (free-riding). The Supreme Court rejected each argument in turn, finding that the government’s proffered interests did not justify the heavy burden of agency fees on nonmembers’ First Amendment interests.

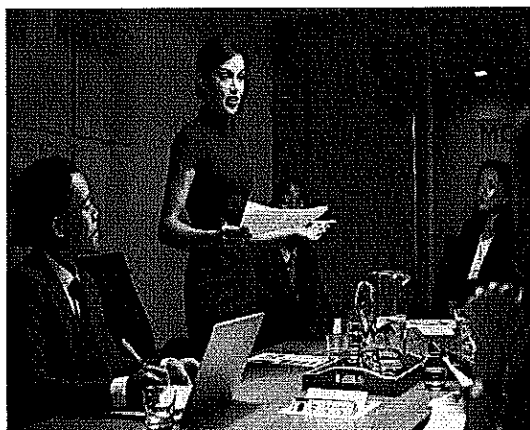
As a result, states and public-sector unions may no longer extract agency fees from nonconsenting employees. The Court held the First Amendment is violated when money is taken from nonconsenting employees for a public-sector union; employees must choose to support the union before anything is taken from them. Public-sector unions are still free to organize and represent their members, but cannot compel non-members to support their activities.

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By Julie T. Bittner - Partner, West Des Moines, IA

In this week's landmark decision, the United States Supreme Court ruled that government workers who choose not to join a union cannot be charged for the cost of collective bargaining. Justice Samuel Alito wrote the majority opinion and the court's conservative justices joined. [View case here.](#)

In *Janus v. American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council 31, et al.*, the Petitioner Mark Janus was an Illinois state employee whose unit is represented by a public-sector union. Mr. Janus refused to join the union because he opposed many of the union's decisions, including those taken in collective bargaining. Employees who declined to join the

union were not assessed full union dues but instead were required to pay an “agency fee” which was a percentage of the union dues (here 78.06% of full union dues).

The employees were not asked and were not required to consent before the fees were deducted. In Illinois, the nonmembers were told that the agency fee covered lobbying, social and recreational activities, advertising, membership meetings and conventions and litigation, as well as other unspecified services that “may ultimately insure to the benefit of the members of the local bargaining unit.” Mr. Janus sued challenging the constitutionality of agency fees. In his case, the fees amounted to about \$535/year.

This week, the Supreme Court held that the State’s extraction of agency fees from nonconsenting public-sector employees violates the First Amendment. In its decision, the Court overturned a 41-year-old decision, *Abood v. Detroit Bd. Of Ed.*, 431 U.S. 209 (1977) and overturns laws in 22 states.

In addition to the historic argument in *Abood* regarding ‘free riders,’ Respondents argued that mandatory agency fees were necessary for unions to bargain with an adequately funded budget and to improve the efficiency of the work force. Respondents argued agency fees are needed to prevent nonmembers from enjoying the benefit of union representation without shouldering the costs (free-riding). The Supreme Court rejected each argument in turn, finding that the government’s proffered interests did not justify the heavy burden of agency fees on nonmembers’ First Amendment interests.

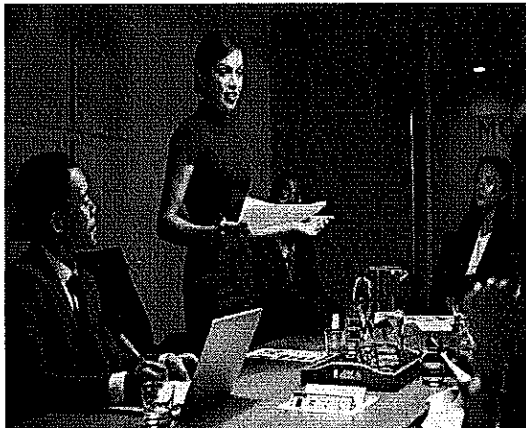
As a result, states and public-sector unions may no longer extract agency fees from nonconsenting employees. The Court held the First Amendment is violated when money is taken from nonconsenting employees for a public-sector union; employees must choose to support the union before anything is taken from them. Public-sector unions are still free to organize and represent their members, but cannot compel non-members to support their activities.

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Women's Issues in Legal Roles

More women are now graduating from law school than ever before and many are facing adversity with in-house legal departments. Here are a few professional tips to deal with challenges head-on.

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The Art of Negotiation

As a successful lawyer, the essential ingredient for career advancement is being able to negotiate. Choosing what negotiation style to employ can be a determinative factor in winning cases and thriving in business.

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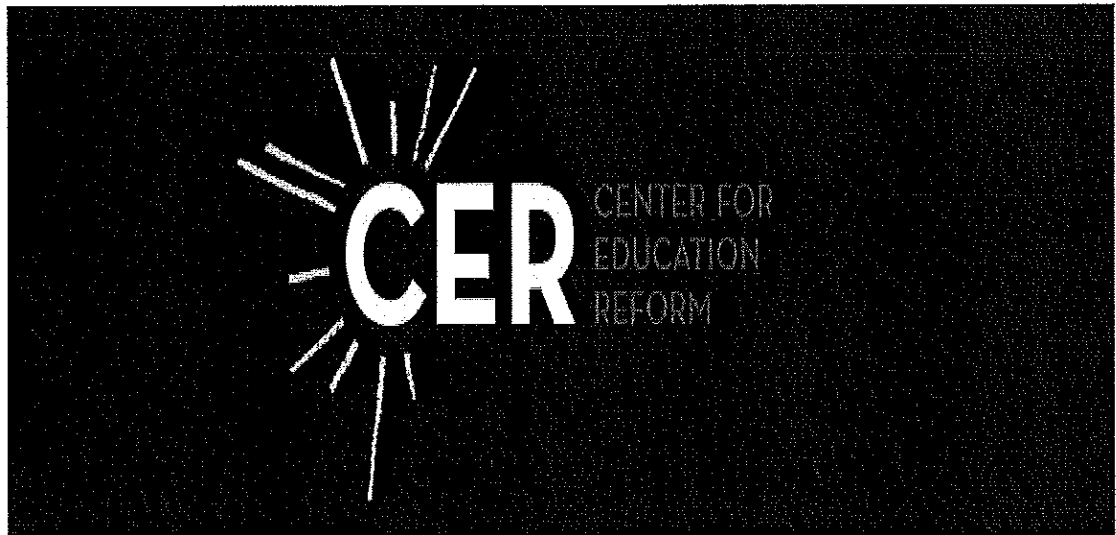
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A weekly report on education news and commentary you won't find anywhere else — from the nation's leading voice on education innovation and opportunity.

A NEW HOPE FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS' FREEDOM? The President's nominee to fill the vacancy that Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy will create is Brett Kavanaugh, whose long history of rulings and opinions on education issues may allow for progress and real change for religious schools and school equity: *[Does A Justice Kavanaugh Mean That Blaine Amendments Are History?](#)*

A SETBACK IN PUERTO RICO. A frustrating turn of events in Puerto Rico where the hopes and plans to increase educational opportunities and innovations are being held up a judge's ruling that private school scholarships

violate Puerto Rico's Constitution and that only the University of Puerto Rico and Puerto Rico's municipalities can operate "*alianza*" (i.e. charter) schools.

Sadly, this is another case of putting children last when it comes to meeting their educational needs and, with hope, will only be a temporary set-back in delivering Gov. Rosselló's hugely needed, and hugely promising reforms. The good news is that we've seen this movie before, and the flawed decisions of courts from Washington state to Florida are usually based on education powers in constitutions not legislative powers, which in most Constitutions take precedence. [Check out this review](#), for example, from former U.S. Solicitor General Paul Clement, about a similar issue claimed but not litigated in Kentucky. We'll keep you posted.



NEA: THE "NOT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION." Somehow the NEA thought it appropriate to dedicate nearly two-thirds of the resolutions at its annual conference last week to everything BUT education? [What are some of the NEA's priority issues?](#) Here's a sample. Ensuring that Banana Republic doesn't

advertise with the union. Creating a toolkit to press for moratoria on charter school authorizations by bodies other than locally elected school boards. Advocating for lower interest rates and affordable housing programs for educators. And planning at least one action to shut down an immigration detention center, a Customs and order Patrol office, or an Immigration and Customs Enforcement office (and recruiting at least 500 educators to participate in the action who are willing to be arrested and not bailed out of jail for a week!).

AFT ALSO OUT OF TOUCH. As the AFT gears up for its rollicking annual convention and demagoguery fest we thought we'd brief you on the issues they'd be debating this year...that is until we looked at the list of a whopping 91 resolutions from 13 committees that are more appropriate to a meeting of the U.N. General Assembly than they are to addressing the educational needs of America's children and families. To be fair, they do have an "Educational Issues Committee" but things go sideways fast when we get to the committees on Healthcare, Human Rights, International Relations, Labor and the Economy, Political Action ("Resolution No. 53 'Rev It Up:' Register, Educate, Vote!") and Organizing and Collective Bargaining. Suffice it to say they will be discussing a lot of things, most of which have little or nothing to do with educating children. If you are so inclined, you can read every word of every resolution [here](#).

NOTE TO UNIONS: You're supposed to be looking for ways to improve your standing after Janus not get farther away from the mission upon which you were founded.

HEARING IT DIRECTLY FROM MARK JANUS. Along with many of our most respected colleagues, we've been glued to the Janus v. AFSCME litigation proceedings since the beginning. We've [covered](#), [interviewed](#) and reported on the subject. But nothing compares to hearing it from the horse's mouth. [Here's](#) Mark Janus explaining his "why" after the historic decision.

TO NBC: NOT TO SAY, 'WE TOLD YOU SO' BUT... The Grade, by Alexander Russo, offers up a great article over the irresponsibly story alleging charter schools are creating "white flight" from traditional public schools. The contention is absurd, and we said so, but the Grade goes even further. A very brief synopsis of its critique: *"...unfortunately, the [NBC/Hechinger] piece fails badly at its larger attempt, which is to assert that this kind of charter school is a significant problem nationally. Despite all efforts to make it seem otherwise, the data presented in the story do not support the claim that segregated white charters are a big problem."* Read the full article here.

COMPETITION. Pennsylvania's Bensalem school district hired a consultant to tell them why so many families were choosing charter schools over district schools. The consultant's explanation: with charter schools as an option for families, districts must compete for students, which means they have to improve in areas where they are lacking – be that in performance or programs or in working with parents. "Of course," the article concludes correctly, "competition is what the charter school law was supposed to produce — because competition drives excellence." = 2

THE ROAD TO INNOVATION IS PAVED WITH SILVER... This week we are pleased to announce the addition of Arizona State University as a partner in CER's Silver Anniversary Summit. We're grateful for the pathbreaking leadership of ASU and it's visionary president Michael Crow in their myriad endeavors. Start your engines and make your way to Miami on October 26th! Registration opens this week!

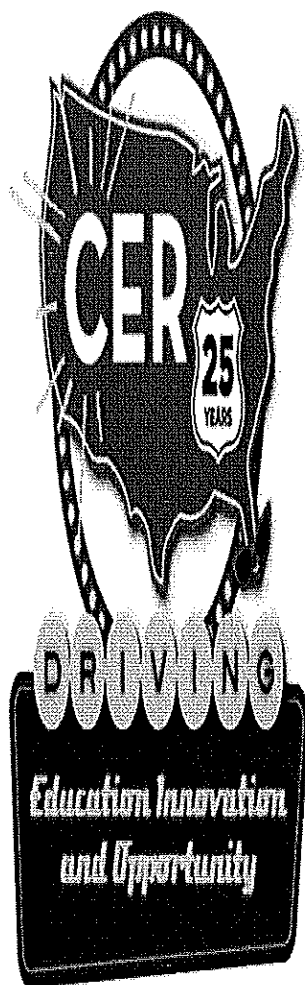
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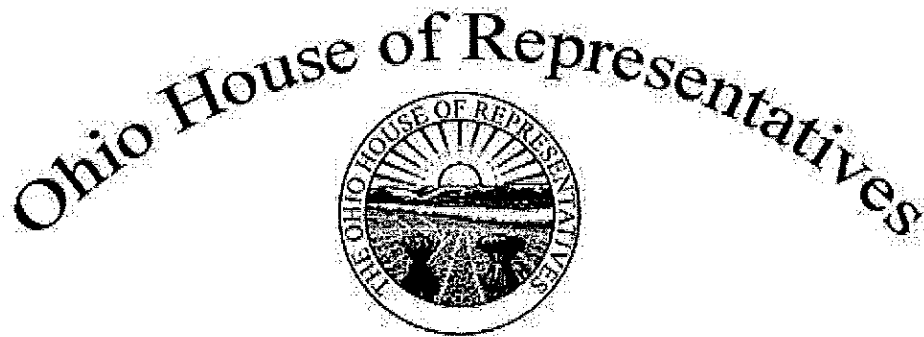
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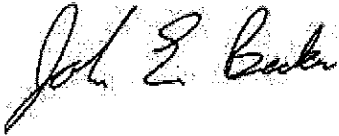
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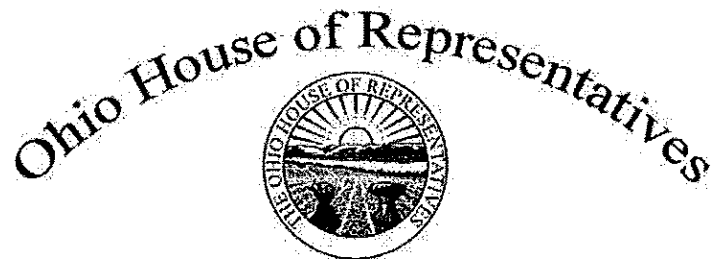
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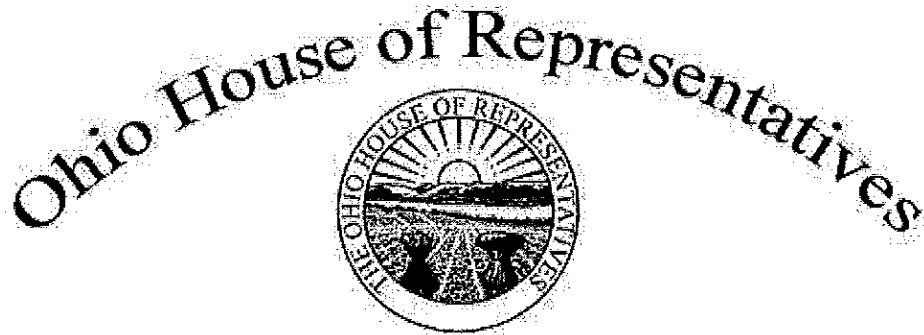
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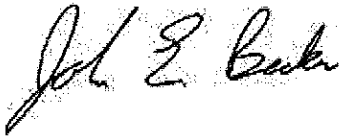
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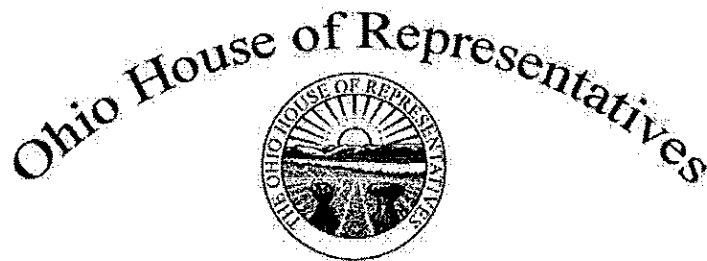
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HOUSE E-CLIPS

07/01/16



NEW ATTORNEYS' FEES IN OHIO TO FUND LEGAL AID FOR POOR

New attorneys' fees approved by the Ohio Supreme Court will help fund legal services for poor and disadvantaged Ohioans.



STATE, TROOPERS UNION RETURN TO CONTRACT TALKS

The state is heading back to the bargaining table to work on a contract with the Ohio State Troopers Association after the union soundly rejected a tentative agreement.

CITY OF COLUMBUS ISSUES NITRATE WARNING FOR TAP WATER

By 2018, city water officials say, they won't have to issue advisories like the one Thursday, when high nitrate levels in drinking water in parts of the Columbus area triggered a warning for pregnant women and babies.

OHIO POLITICS NOW: WILL HILLARY CLINTON CONSIDER RICHARD CORDRAY AS A RUNNING MATE?

Democrats in Columbus are apparently buzzing with the possibility of another Ohioan being considered as presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton's running mate.

Dayton Daily News
www.daytondailynews.com

OHIO SUPREME COURT TO HEAR SPRINGFIELD RED LIGHT CAMERA LAW CHALLENGE

The Ohio Supreme Court will consider Springfield's challenge to red light camera laws, weighing city leaders' argument that the new regulations violate their local authority.

THE PLAIN DEALER

OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL: CITIES CANNOT SET THEIR OWN MINIMUM WAGE

As the debate rages in Cleveland over a proposal to set the city's minimum wage at \$15 an hour starting in January, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine on Thursday issued an opinion stating that municipalities cannot legally set their own minimum wage.

REP. JOHN BECKER PROPOSES RIGHT-TO-WORK BILL FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

And Ohio lawmaker on Thursday introduced a right-to-work bill for public employees. But like a private employee bill proposed last fall, it's unlikely to pass.

VOTING RIGHTS ACTIVISTS SAY ELECTION LAWSUIT CLAIMING JON HUSTED ILLEGALLY PURGED VOTERS IS NOT OVER

A day after Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted scored a win in federal court, voting rights activists say the case is not over.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION SECURE ZONE REVEALED: OHIO

POLITICS ROUNDUP

Countdown to Cleveland: With 17 days to go until the start of the Republican National Convention, we now know more about the boundaries of the high security perimeter surrounding Quicken Loans Arena. Read more from cleveland.com's Andrew J. Tobias' report.

SIX WAYS TO MAKE OHIO'S ONLINE CHARTER SCHOOLS MORE ACCOUNTABLE:

EDITORIAL BOARD

Led by state Sen. Peggy Lehner, the downstate Republican who chairs the Ohio Senate's education committee, the Ohio legislature did a yeoman's job last year of shoring up oversight of the state's much-ridiculed kindergarten-through-12th-grade charter school system.

THE ENQUIRER

STATE AUDIT: FOOD STAMPS ISSUED TO 36 DEAD PEOPLE

Dead people, duplicates and out-of-state purchases were just some of the fraudulent activities discovered in an audit of Ohio's food stamp program, according to State Auditor David Yost.

BECKER INTRODUCES PUBLIC RIGHT-TO-WORK BILL

Rep. John Becker knows many fellow Republicans, including Gov. John Kasich, have little interest in an Ohio right-to-work law, but that didn't stop him from offering one anyway.

HOW WILL MEDICAL MARIJUANA AFFECT YOUR WORKPLACE?

Andy Kaplan has been practicing law with the Cincinnati office of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease for more than 30 years.

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PANEL WEIGHS SUPPORT FOR CHILD CUSTODY CASES

Deann Sanders' insurance company paid for the diagnosis of her severely autistic son at the age of 2, but offered no coverage for services.

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GOP Week in Review

6/27/16 – 7/4/16

The Vindicator: New Ohio state laws and their impact, to take effect in August, September

There were big bills that were signed into law – a \$2.6 billion capital budget with projects across the states, and a fast-paced medical marijuana effort that will add Ohio to the list of states allowing the drug for specified medical conditions.

Sandusky Register: Sandusky State Theatre will be upgraded soon

State Sen. Randy Gardner, R-Bowling Green, and state Rep. Steve Arndt, R-Port Clinton, both included the Sandusky State Theatre in a list of local projects that needed support.

Enquirer: Becker introduces public right-to-work bill

Becker, R-Union Township in Clermont County, called his proposal a "win-win" for both sides: it would allow public sector workers to opt out of union representation and dues. But those who opt out would not be eligible for union protections.

Akron Legal News: New heroin law takes aim at drug dealers

"This legislation will hold the drug dealers who are poisoning our neighborhoods accountable while we continue to help the addicted seek treatment," said Rep. Jonathan Dever, R-Madeira, a sponsor of the bill. "There is no silver bullet for ridding Ohio of heroin, but this law is a part of a solution that includes education and treatment options."

Journal-News: New addiction treatment center opens in West Chester

State Rep. Margy Conditt, R-Liberty Twp, was also at the ribbon-cutting and she feels that Lumiere can help save lives and will be a benefit to Butler County.

Dispatch: Law fills a gap in paramedic care

He and state Rep. Tim Ginter, R- Salem, were especially concerned that paramedics couldn't provide an antidote to police dogs that, while working, were poisoned by prescription pain drugs or heroin.

Ellwood City Ledger: New law supports first responders who treat injured pets

Ohio's law, which follows a similar action by Colorado in 2014, came about after Bob Swickard, the director of an EMS service in a small town in northeastern Ohio, contacted state Republican Rep. Tim Ginter with concerns about a recent rash of on-duty injuries to police dogs.

Springfield News-Sun: Buck Creek State Park gets \$1.4M in upgrades

The state held a dedication ceremony for the cabins at the state park Thursday.

The Independent: Rep. Christina Hagan shepherds Epi-pen bill

House Bill 200, sponsored by State Rep. Christina Hagan, permits public establishments, such as restaurants, swimming pools, schools and amusement parks, to carry a non-patient specific prescription to keep epinephrine, which can be administered via an injector known as an Epi-Pen.

Times Reporter: Column from Rep. Andy Thompson: Celebrating our country this Fourth of July

On this day, the 240th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, people all across the nation engage in traditional celebrations of our nation's independence, with cookouts, fireworks, parades and the like.

The Vindicator: New law allows Ohioans to drink higher-alcohol content beer

Here are 10 more of 60 law changes OK'd before lawmakers left Columbus for their summer recess, with most set to take effect in August or September.

Dispatch: Hit-skip law wrecks create challenges for investigators who piece cases together

State Rep. Brian Hill, a Zanesville Republican, and Ohio Sen. John Eklund, a Republican from Geauga County, pushed for the changes. Fleeing the scene of a crash that causes serious injury or death is now a second-degree felony, which could carry as much as an 8-year sentence.

Heartland News: Ohio Lawmakers Approve Civil Asset Forfeiture Reforms

State Rep. Robert McColley (R-Napoleon) says the current system violates Ohioans' property and due process rights.

Journal-News: Hamilton natural gas customers dodge 10 percent rate hike

Gov. John Kasich signed a bill Tuesday that will spare Hamilton's natural-gas customers a 10-percent rate increase. "He signed it around 4:30 yesterday afternoon," state Rep.

Wes Retherford, R-Hamilton, said Wednesday. Retherford and Rep. Tim Schaffer, R-Lancaster, who both live in cities with municipal gas utilities, sponsored the legislation.

Akron Beacon Journal: Kasich signs expanded movie-production credit for Ohio

"We are grateful to Governor Kasich, the Ohio House, and the Ohio Senate for giving us this opportunity to continue to grow a thriving and adaptive media industry in Northeast Ohio. I'd also like to thank Speaker Cliff Rosenberger, Rep. Kirk Schuring, and Sen. Tom Patton, who have championed this legislation, and know just how much a sustainable media industry can benefit Ohio."

Record-Herald: CACFC celebrates 'National Homeownership Month'

Community Action Commission of Fayette County (CACFC) celebrated National Homeownership Month on June 24 by hosting an open house at the newly constructed home of Damian (Scott) and Ashley Forsha and their children. Also present were Marty Heide, representing Congressman Michael Turner, and State Rep. Gary Scherer was also in attendance.

Times Reporter: Leaders from three counties, Ohio are inching closer to making progress on Route 30

Last year, state Rep. Kirk Schuring, R-Jackson Township, was influential in getting legislation passed that created a Regional Transportation Improvement Project. Now three counties — Stark, Carroll and Columbiana — have signed a cooperative agreement with a county commissioner from each to form the co-op.

Daily Sentinel: Field of Hope breaks new ground

State and federal officials appeared from the offices of Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, state Rep. Ryan Smith, Congressman Bill Johnson, Sen. Rob Portman, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Gallipolis Municipal Court.

The Blade: Accessible-for-all playground a first in northwest Ohio

The renovation of Lakeview Park makes it northwest Ohio's first fully accessible playground. Also present were state Rep. Steven Arndt (R., Port Clinton) and Port Clinton Mayor Hugh Wheeler, Jr. An aide to U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D., Toledo) presented two flags that had flown over the U.S. Capitol in honor of the park's reopening.

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1/13/2017



KASICH OUTLINES 2017 VISION IN FACE OF BUDGET SHORTFALL

Gov. John Kasich says he is creating a position for a chief innovation officer to pursue and oversee developments in emerging technologies, such as education technology, robotics and data analytics.



KASICH NOT BACKING OFF TOUGH GRADUATION STANDARDS

Despite a Statehouse protest by Ohio superintendents two months ago, Gov. John Kasich said Thursday that he won't back down from tough new state high-school graduation requirements.

ANTI-DEATH PENALTY COALITION URGES OHIO NOT TO RESUME EXECUTIONS

At the exact hour a convicted Ohio killer was originally to be executed Thursday, opponents of capital punishment gathered at the Statehouse to urge state officials not to resume lethal injection after a three-year hiatus.

UTILITIES PUSH FOR TOUGH REGULATIONS ON SUBMETER COMPANIES

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio plans to regulate submeter companies, but the state's largest electricity utilities say that regulators are not going far enough to rein in abusive practices by these companies.

SPEAKER ROSENBERGER APPOINTS HOUSE COMMITTEE LEADERS

House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger, R-Clarksville, has named committee chairs and vice-chairs for the 2017-18 legislative session.

THE PLAIN DEALER

BUSINESS LEADERS ON SCHOOL BOARDS AMONG IDEAS GOV. JOHN KASICH PLANS TO PUT IN THE STATE BUDGET

Gov. John Kasich on Thursday dropped a few more hints about the policy changes tucked into his last two-year state budget.

OHIO DEATH PENALTY OPPONENTS URGE END TO EXECUTIONS OF MENTALLY ILL

Ohio death penalty opponents on Thursday urged Gov. John Kasich and state lawmakers not to resume executions next month after three years of delays.

FORMER YOUNGSTOWN MAYOR JAY WILLIAMS CONSIDERS RUN FOR GOVERNOR

Jay Williams, the former Youngstown mayor and outgoing Obama administration official, is getting serious about a run for Ohio governor in 2018.

THE ENQUIRER

RIGHT-TO-WORK WEAKENS UNIONS, BUT WILL IT BRING JOBS?

Unions terrify some employers.

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AREA LAWMAKERS TO HELP LEAD STATE HOUSE COMMITTEES

State Rep. Steven Arndt (R., Port Clinton) will be the sole state House committee chairman from northwest Ohio in this two-year session.

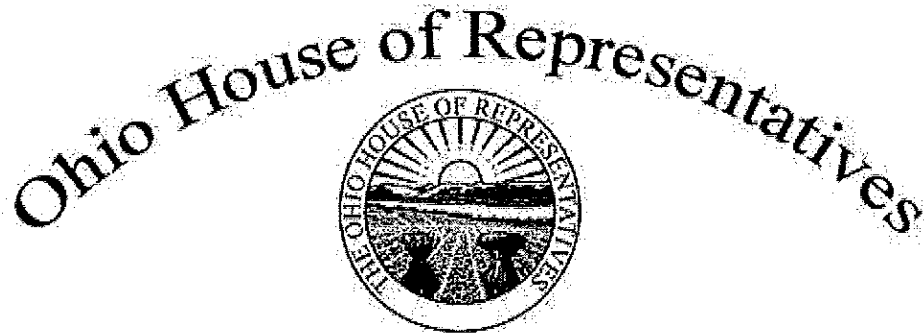
KASICH SAYS HE CAN FILL POTENTIAL \$1 BILLION BUDGET HOLE

Gov. John Kasich will propose a solution to a potential \$1 billion hole in the state's next two-year budget as the federal government closes a sales tax loophole exploited by Ohio to draw down more Medicaid matching funds.

FORMER LEGISLATOR SEEKS NEW TRIAL REGARDING FELONY THEFT CONVICTION

A former state legislator who was kicked out of office after being convicted on a felony theft charge in Danbury Township has requested a new trial in his case following denial of appeals for the original trial.

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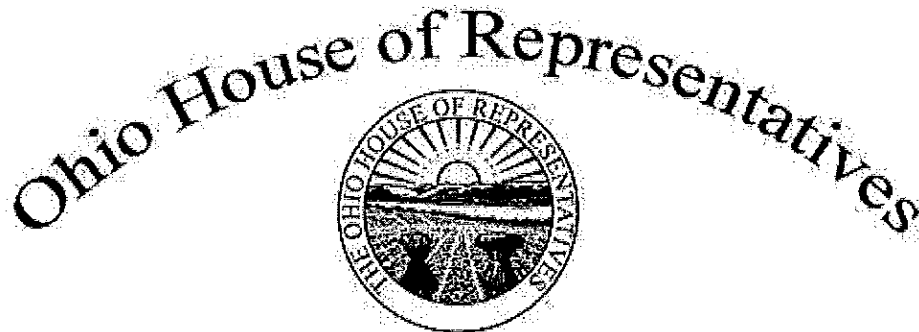
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From: Thawley, Roanna
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 10:34 AM
To: Thawley, Roanna
Subject: Co-Sponsor Request: Public Sector Right-to-Work

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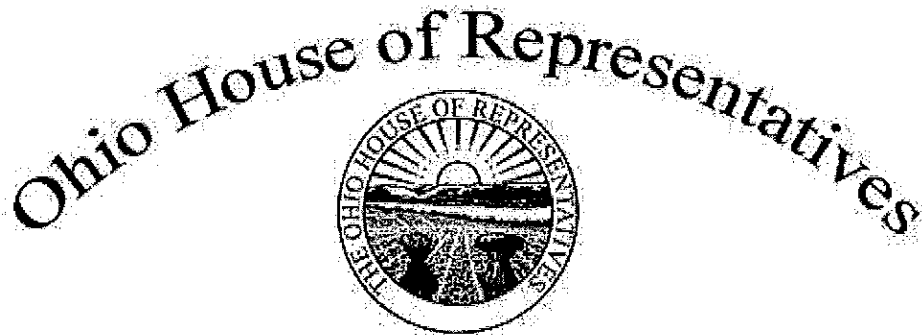
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From: Westlake, Libby
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 8:54 AM
To: Westlake, Libby
Subject: E-Clips for 2/2/2017

HOUSE E-CLIPS

2/02/2017



JUDGE BLOCKS OHIO LAW THAT WOULD BAN SOME LOCAL HIRING RULES

A judge has blocked an Ohio law that would have barred local hiring regulations for public projects, such as Cleveland's requirement that city residents get to work on certain projects.



CRITICS SLAM KASICH'S FLAT-FUNDING OF DRUG-ADDICTION FIGHT

Ohio Gov. John Kasich stood firm Wednesday against charges from lawmakers and others that the state is not doing enough to tackle the nation's leading number of drug-overdose deaths, principally from opioids.

KASICH TAX PLAN FACES QUESTIONS FROM HOUSE PANEL

State Budget Director Tim Keen spent about four hours in front of the House Finance Committee Wednesday testifying and answering a variety of questions about Gov. John Kasich's new two-year budget.

KASICH SAYS STATE DID ALL IT COULD TO LAND \$1.4 BILLION AMAZON HUB

Ohio may have landed three Amazon data centers and two distribution centers in the Columbus area, but Gov. John Kasich today lamented one that got away.

KASICH ADMINISTRATION MAKES FINAL PUSH TO MEDICAID MANAGED CARE

Gov. John Kasich plans to move the last group of Medicaid beneficiaries into private managed care plans, more than 150,000 mostly elderly and disabled Ohioans receiving long-term care services at home or in nursing facilities.

THE DAILY BRIEFING: DAVID PEPPER, JANE TIMKEN DIFFER ON WHICH PARTY HAS MORE ENERGY

The first joint appearance of Ohio's current major political party leaders was highlighted by an energy debate.

EDITORIAL: A CHECKUP FOR FISCAL HEALTH

No one can see the future, but there are ways to get an inkling of where things are headed.

DAYTON MAYOR NAN WHALEY 'CONSIDERING' RUN FOR GOVERNOR

Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley says she is considering a run for governor in 2018.

KASICH GIVES HIS TAKE ON THE WRIGHT BROTHERS, TRUMP AND OHIO'S IMAGE

Ohio Gov. John Kasich seemed to be in a feisty mood Wednesday when he fielded questions from the press at a forum sponsored by the Associated Press in Columbus.

OHIO GOV JOHN KASICH REACTS TO LOSS OF 300 AMAZON JOBS TO KENTUCKY

Gov. John Kasich said Amazon picked northern Kentucky over Wilmington in large part because the airport in Covington has plenty of capacity and the Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky metro area has the workforce.

THE PLAIN DEALER

OHIO GOV. JOHN KASICH PROPOSES ADDING BUSINESS EXPERTS TO LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS

A proposal from Ohio Gov. John Kasich would add three non-voting members to every local school board to keep them apprised of the needs of the business community.

NEW OHIO GOP CHAIRWOMAN JANE TIMKEN'S MESSAGE FOR KASICH ALLIES: 'I WILL NOT KEEP SCORE'

New Ohio Republican Party Chairwoman Jane Timken pledged Wednesday not to retaliate against those who did not back her campaign.

OHIO TO APPEAL COURT RULING PRESERVING CLEVELAND'S FANNIE LEWIS LAW

The state will appeal a Cuyahoga County court decision that upheld Cleveland's Fannie Lewis Law guaranteeing that local residents get a percentage of work on public projects.

'RIGHT TO WORK' WON'T BE POPULAR IN OHIO, STATE LAWMAKERS SAY

As congressional Republicans consider a national "right to work" law, Ohio state legislators said Ohioans don't necessarily want anti-union legislation.

OHIO'S 2018 U.S. SENATE RACE ON TRACK TO BE EXPENSIVE: OHIO POLITICS ROUNDUP

The Ohio U.S. Senate race in 2018 is on track to get expensive. Republican U.S. Rep. Jim Renacci of Ohio appears to be on the path to run for governor.

THE ENQUIRER

KASICH: LOSING AMAZON HUB ISN'T 'GAME OVER' FOR WILMINGTON

Better job applicants and facilities led Amazon to choose Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport over Wilmington for its worldwide air cargo hub, Ohio Gov. John Kasich told reporters Wednesday.

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BUDGET CHIEF: KASICH CONSERVATIVE ON GROWTH

Gov. John Kasich has warned against lawmakers' using rosier revenue projections to justify additional spending over the next two years, but a legislative agency on Wednesday estimated that revenues will climb at a faster pace than his administration has predicted.

The Vindicator

VALLEY LEGISLATORS APPOINTED AS RANKING DEMS TO STATE HOUSE,

SENATE COMMITTEES

Three Ohio House Democrats who represent the Mahoning Valley were named as ranking minority members on committees in the state Legislature.